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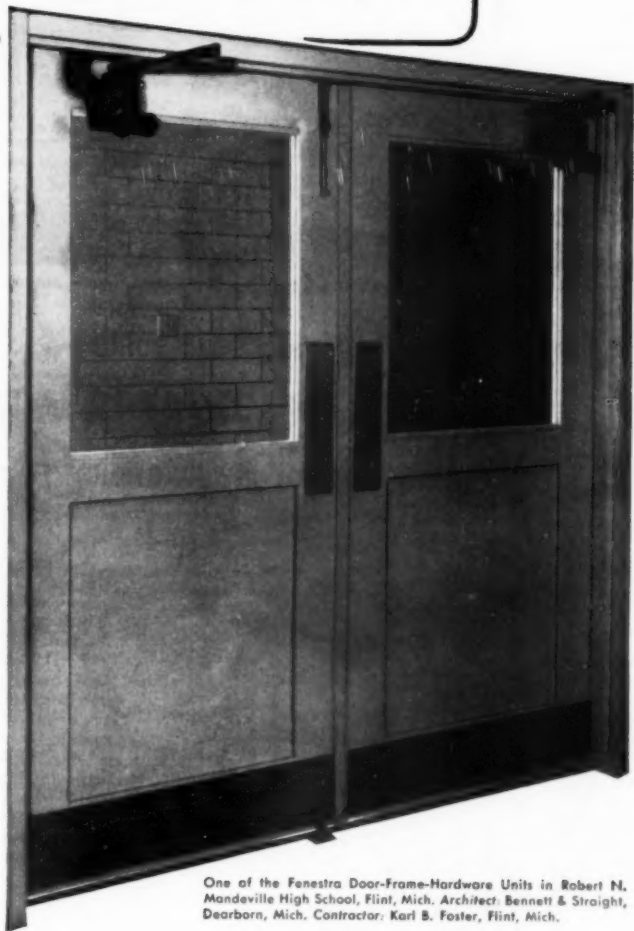
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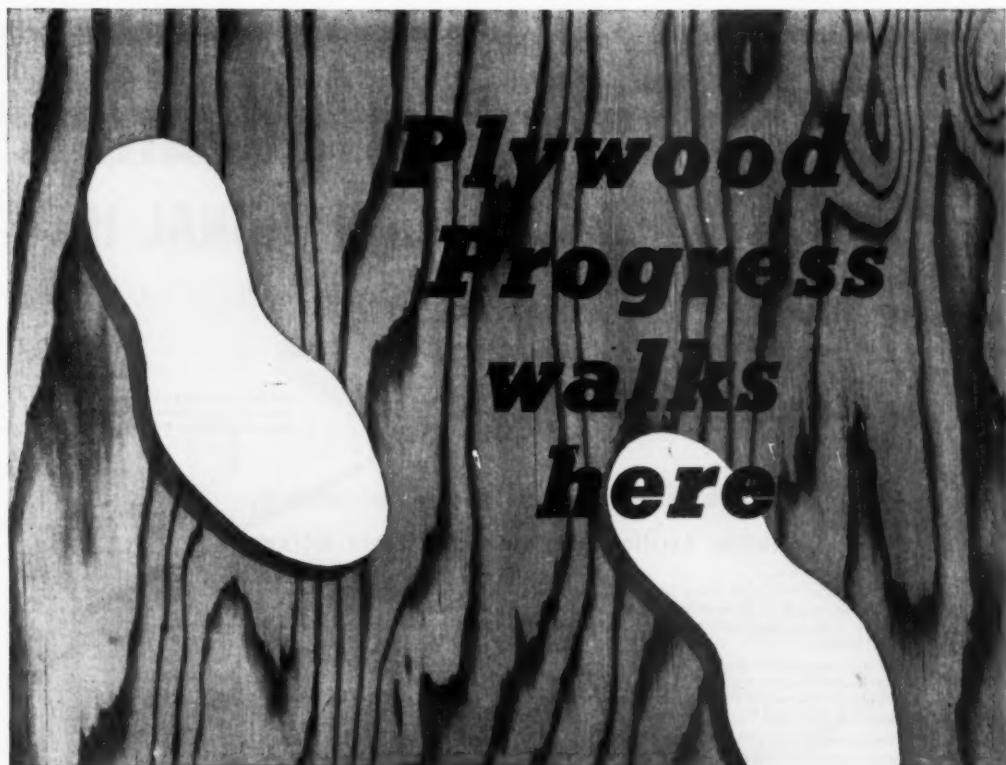
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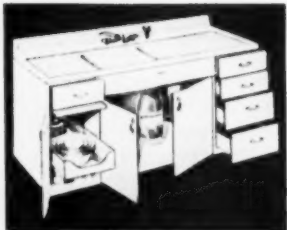
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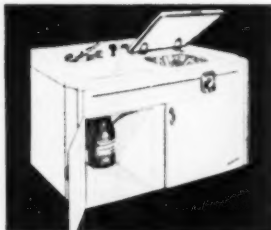


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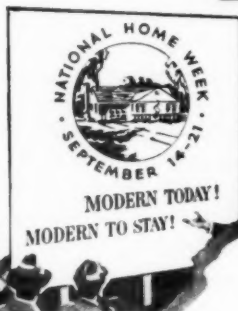
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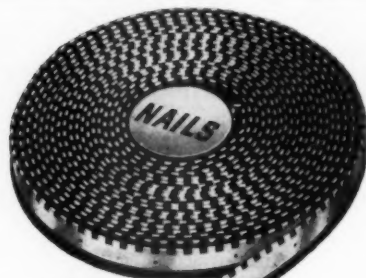
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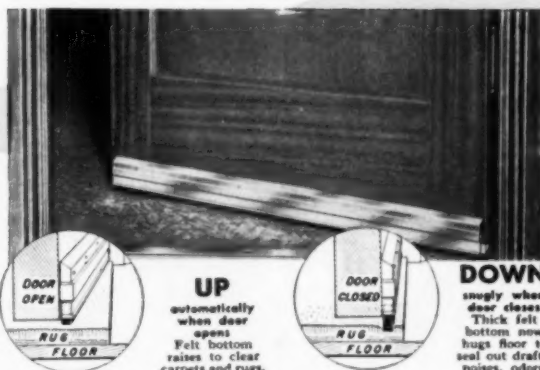
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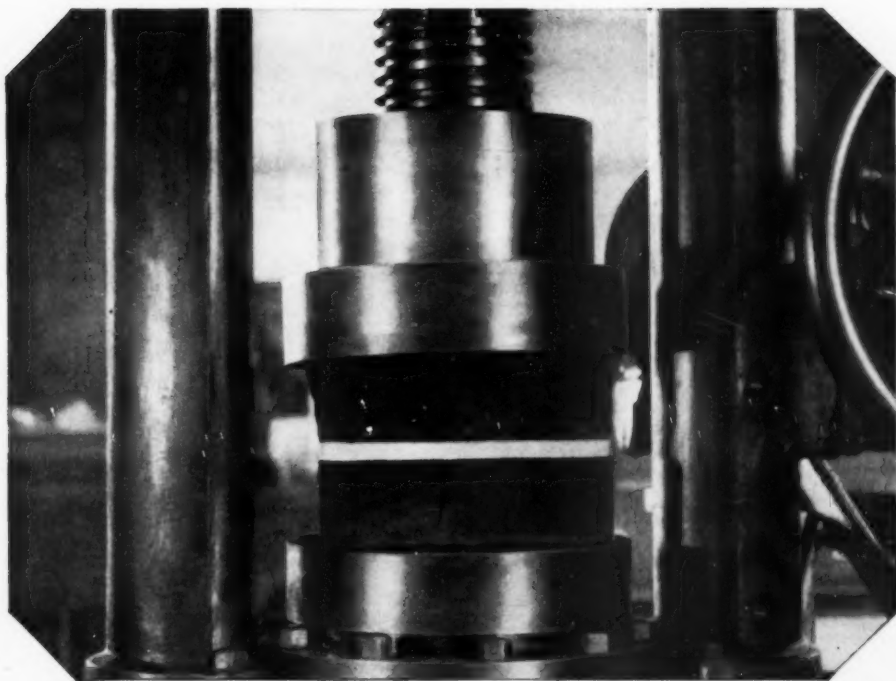
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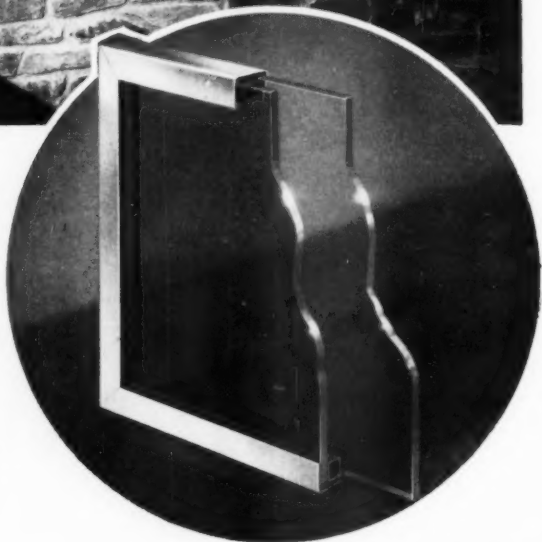
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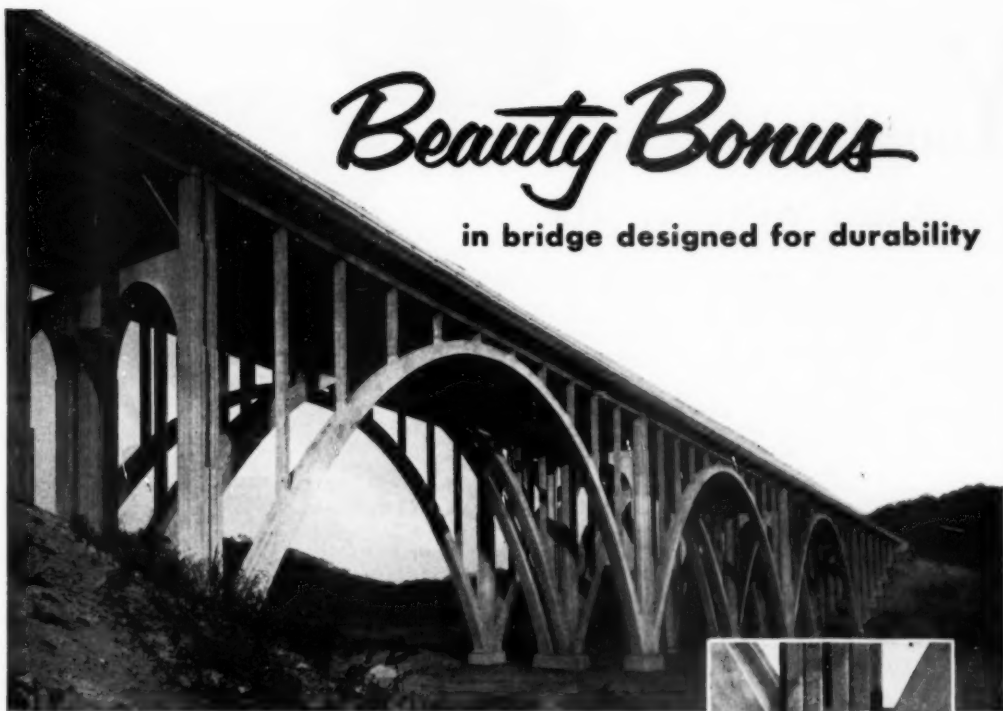
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A RECENT *American Builder* survey disclosed the fact that more than one-third of the houses built last year in a midwest industrial county were constructed in whole or large part by non-professional owners. A projection of this figure nationally indicates that perhaps one-fifth of all the houses built in 1951 were owner built.

Regardless of how closely this projection of the survey reflects the actual number of owner-built houses, an incontrovertible fact is that building costs and restrictive codes in many urban centers are driving people to do their own construction, usually in areas not controlled by codes. This is not intended to take issue with building trades wage scales, or with codes or with builders' profits. It is intended to point out a condition, its causes and some of its probable results.

It does no good to argue with an owner-builder that his time is worth something, and that part or all of his alleged saving is fictitious. The fact is that his time is worth nothing until he uses it in lieu of paying a crew of building tradesmen. Then it becomes worth to him exactly what he would have paid out. His answer to any argument is that he cannot afford to employ labor, that he can afford materials from a local retail source, and that he intends to have a house—the best he can build for himself, regardless of who approves or disapproves of it.

A pitiful few of these owner-built

houses use professional plans and employ some professional labor. The results grade from good in a few cases to architectural and structural horrors, with predominance at the lower end of the scale. Many of them are only the crudest form of elementary shelter. In the absence of state-wide laws governing minimum building standards outside of municipalities there is nothing to prevent a man from housing himself in any manner he chooses.

At first glance the increase of owner-built operations might seem to be of little or no concern to professional home builders, since a majority of owner-builders probably do not represent a market for professionally-built new houses anyway. But since most of these non-professional houses are jerry-built shacks before the roof is on they are ugly, unsafe and imminent germinators of suburban slums. Within a few years nobody remembers who built them. The assumption is that some builder took an indecent advantage of a poor family, and the result is another unwarranted black eye for the building industry.

We take no issue with a man's right to build his own house, but we believe that in the public interest he should meet the standards required of professionals. We believe it to be mandatory that the problems and shortcomings of owner-building be studied by the home building industry before the sins of many non-professionals came to roost on the professional door step.

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- ▶ **CONGRESS HAS QUIT FOR THE CAMPAIGNS.** Unless President Truman summons the lawmakers back for a special session, they won't return until next January. Legislation still pending at adjournment is dead, and will have to be introduced again when the new Congress meets.
- ▶ **THOSE LAST FEW DAYS** Congress handled legislation in dump-truck fashion. A new housing act, appropriation bills, the Defense Production Act and the Korean GI bill -- all these whipped through in the closing days of the session.
- ▶ **CONTROL AND ALLOCATION** of home building materials will continue another year. The Defense Production Act is extended until June 30, 1953, insofar as it applies to material controls. Wage and price controls drew a shorter extension. They expire next April 30.
- ▶ **NO MAJOR CHANGE** in price or wage rules is expected under the new production act. CPR 93, the pricing regulation, remains in effect. The Wage Stabilization Board is substantially weakened. It no longer has jurisdiction over labor disputes, and those appointed to the board have to win Senate approval.
- ▶ **A "SMALL BUSINESS" EXEMPTION** in the new act removes from wage control any enterprise in which eight or less persons are employed "in all its establishments, branches, units or affiliates."
- ▶ **REGULATION "X"** is the point of greatest confusion at the moment. Congress did not take away completely the authority by which the Federal Reserve Board-HHFA regulate real estate credit. Instead, the law sets up what homebuilders call a "complicated, unworkable and generally unsatisfactory procedure."
- ▶ **DOWN-PAYMENT TERMS** are hitched to the home building rate. The bill provides, briefly, that if the number of homes started during any three consecutive months is at an annual rate under 1,200,000 units, then the President shall initiate a "period of credit control relaxation."
- ▶ **TWO WEEKS AFTER THE BILL BECAME LAW** there was still no announcement of when the first three-month period would begin. Nor had the President designated any agency to compile the required "seasonally adjusted" starts.
- ▶ **HOUSING STARTS** are currently below the 1.2 million annual rate. On this basis, it would appear that most credit controls will end not later than November 1. During the period of "credit control relaxation," a 5 per cent down payment requirement is the maximum that regulators can impose.
- ▶ **ONCE ENDED,** the controls won't be restored. With winter months ahead, housing starts are not likely to reach the 1.2 million rate before late next spring at the earliest. This rate would have to be maintained for three months before controls could be reimposed. And by that time the Defense Production Act will be so close to expiring that it would be useless to impose credit restrictions.
- ▶ **THERE IS SOME THOUGHT** here that present credit controls will be lifted before the new law can operate. With housing starts below the 1951 rate, the Federal Reserve Board may decide to scrap controls of its own accord. The controls law has "permissive" provisions.
- ▶ **NPA IS STUMPED** by the steel strike. The agency has made no fourth-quarter steel allocations. And it hasn't decided how it will handle the situation when the strike ends. About the only thing certain is that decontrol of steel is indefinitely postponed, more elaborate controls will result, and the fourth-quarter will find much confusion at the mills.
- ▶ **PLAN TO ALLOW MORE STEEL** for construction after July 1 was scrapped. NPA said: "Limitations on self-authorization of orders for steel controlled materials remain unchanged because of the situation created by the work stoppage in steel mills."

▶ THE AGENCY DID AMEND copper and aluminum provisions of Order M-100. Home builders can now self-certify up to 250 pounds of aluminum per unit. The right to self-authorize for copper controlled materials has been increased from 35 to 50 pounds in residential units with steel water pipe distribution, and increased from 135 to 175 pounds in dwelling units having copper water distribution systems.

▶ CMP REG. 6, the general construction regulation, also was amended. For commercial construction it is now possible to self-certify 1,000 pounds of aluminum per project per quarter. The copper allowance was boosted. Builders can self-certify 750 pounds of copper per project per quarter, instead of 200 pounds as previously.

▶ NO SELF-CERTIFICATION is permitted for residential buildings of more than four dwelling units. (Order M-100 covers buildings up to four units only). Larger residential buildings remain subject to unit approval. NFA also dropped its plan to permit self-certification for construction of recreational facilities.

▶ "B" PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS have been given more self-authorization authority. They can self-certify much larger quantities of copper and aluminum after July 1.

▶ THE NEW HOUSING ACT gives FNMA \$900,000,000 pre-commitment authority. Its use is restricted to programmed defense housing, Wherry-Act and disaster housing. This authority for advance commitments will expire June 30, 1953.

▶ HHFA ADMINISTRATOR FOLEY estimates this new FNMA authority will take care of 40 per cent of housing programmed from November 21, 1951, to December 31, 1952. In addition, it will clean up the backlog of defense housing programmed prior to November 1951. The whole thing adds up to about 110,000 units.

▶ FNMA CAN RELEASE \$382,000,000 for the purchase of eligible non-defense mortgages. This fund has been tied up in a "set aside" to protect defense housing. Now it can be used for regular over-the-counter purchases of VA and FHA mortgages.

▶ THERE ARE TWO RESTRICTIONS: FNMA can purchase non-defense mortgages provided they were insured or guaranteed after February 29, 1952; and no more than 50 per cent of a lender's portfolio can be sold to the agency.

▶ OTHER PROVISIONS of the 1952 housing act provide for a \$400,000,000 increase in FHA's mortgage insurance authority. There is a \$50,000,000 increase for government-provided defense housing. The bill also adds \$40,000,000 for defense area community facilities. No money is provided for the housing or community facilities. That has to come in separate legislation.

▶ A CATCH-ALL APPROPRIATION BILL, passed by Congress the day it adjourned, gave HHFA the \$50,000,000 for government-provided defense housing.

▶ BUILDERS won't be required by law to give that one-year warranty on houses for veterans -- not yet at least. Congress eliminated this provision from the GI bill for Korean veterans. The legislation extends the regular VA loan-guaranty program to veterans with service since June 27 1950.

▶ VA HAS SOME NEW AUTHORITY: It can refuse to appraise housing sponsored by persons "identified with housing previously sold to veterans" which proved to have "substantial deficiencies."

▶ THE WARRANTY PROVISION may come up again. A House subcommittee has been investigating alleged defects in VA and FHA housing all over the country. When this group makes its report to Congress, look for more talk of a "mandatory warranty" on GI housing.

▶ CONGRESS VOTED FUNDS for 35,000 public housing units in fiscal 1953. This compromise figure was agreed to after the Senate approved 50,000 units and the House 5,000. A last-minute move in the House to reject the compromise was defeated by a narrow margin. The final figure of 35,000 compares with 50,000 units authorized last year.

▶ JUNE HOUSING STARTS were estimated at 106,000 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This figure includes 99,200 private and 6,800 public units. The bureau also revised upward the March housing starts. Instead of 98,000 the total was 103,900.

▶ FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1952, starts are estimated at 567,500. This is slightly below last year's first six months when starts totaled 590,000.

▶ WALTER L. GREENE is the new FHA Commissioner. His appointment was confirmed by the Senate on July 2. Mr. Greene has been with FHA since 1934, and he succeeds Franklin D. Richards as top man at the agency. Mr. Richards resigned as of June 30.

TRENDS *in the Building Field*

Construction Labor Costs At All-Time High

THE PRICE of most building materials this summer show little change from last year. The price of common brick is up 9 per cent, flooring is down 12 per cent, bathtubs are down 4 per cent and furnaces 10 per cent. Construction labor, however, is up 6 per cent over a year ago.

A HIGH LEVEL of residential construction and peak activity in industrial and public construction has kept construction labor continuously employed in the last two years of defense activity. Weekly earnings are at a record high. It could be, however, that labor is pricing itself out of the market.

This spring electricians were earning \$108 per week, plumbers \$93, plasterers \$85 and carpenters \$73 per week. Average weekly earnings of all employees in manufacturing, by comparison, were \$66 per week.

There is evidence that the relatively high prices of construction labor are inducing people to build their own homes. This means good business for lumber dealers but leaves builders and labor out in the cold.

SOME OWNER-BUILT homes represent an investment of \$15,000 to \$20,000 or more in materials. The results are equivalent to some of the best professionally-built homes. The prevalence of one-story houses and simplified heating systems make it easier than ever for the public to build their own homes. They are encouraged by consumer magazines and book publishers who tell the public how to build their "dream house" for less than \$5,000. Most owner-builders choose the unincorporated areas outside the city limits for their new homes. The majority of owner-built houses, however, are small and makeshift to a large extent.

A recent survey by the construction

division of the Bureau of Labor Statistics showed that 29 per cent of new homes in Atlanta were owner-built, 25 per cent in Boston, 20 per cent in Chicago, 4 per cent in Dallas, 40 per cent in Pittsburgh and 29 per cent in Seattle. The floor area of many of these houses is less than 700 square feet. Construction cost is usually from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

THE ONLY WAY that builders can capture this market is by developing a really low-cost house and securing the cooperation of building labor to achieve more productive activity.

Harvard economist Sumner Slichter has come up with the details of "An Average American." Here's how to recognize him. He has an annual income of \$3,600, \$2,500 term insurance, employer-paid hospitalization, \$200 savings bank balance, no other investments, pays \$65 monthly housing costs, and has \$20 a month available for savings.

To almost half of Americans "An Average American" is an economic royalist. It is this under-average income market that builders need to serve with new houses that fit their pocketbooks.

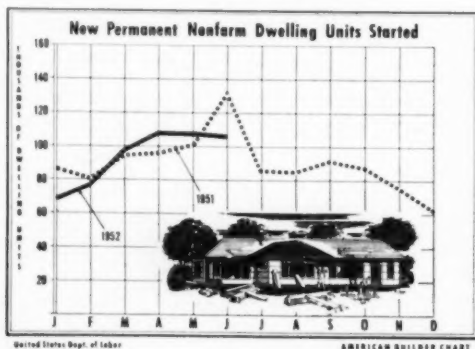
HOUSING STARTS have been over 100,000 for the last four months. Starts of 106,000 units in June brings the six months total to 567,500. There is every indication that more than 1,000,000 new houses will be started this year, making this the fourth year in a row that housing starts have passed the million mark.

The decrease of 20 per cent in housing starts registered in June is due to the fact that 42,000 public housing units were started in June a year ago as compared with 6,800 in June of this year. Private starts were actually 10 per cent more than last year.

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Per Cent Change Compared With Last Year

	Up %	Down %
Dwelling Units Started		
Month of June		-20%
January through June		-4%
Dollar Volume of Construction (May)		
Dwelling Units		-1%
Residential Alterations	+11%	
Industrial	+15%	
Commercial		-37%
Institutional		-16%
Farm		-5%
Public Construction	+17%	
Total Construction	+4%	
Price Changes (June)		
Common Brick	+9%	
Cement	N.C.*	
Dimension Lumber	N.C.	
Flooring		-12%
Doors	N.C.	
Paint (outside)	+1%	
Bathtubs		-4%
Furnaces		-10%
Asphalt shingles	N.C.	
Window Glass	N.C.	
Nails	+1%	
Insulation Board		-1%
Average Hourly Earnings		
Construction Labor	+6%	
Construction Cost Index Residences	N.C.*	
Retail Lumber Sales (March)		N.C.
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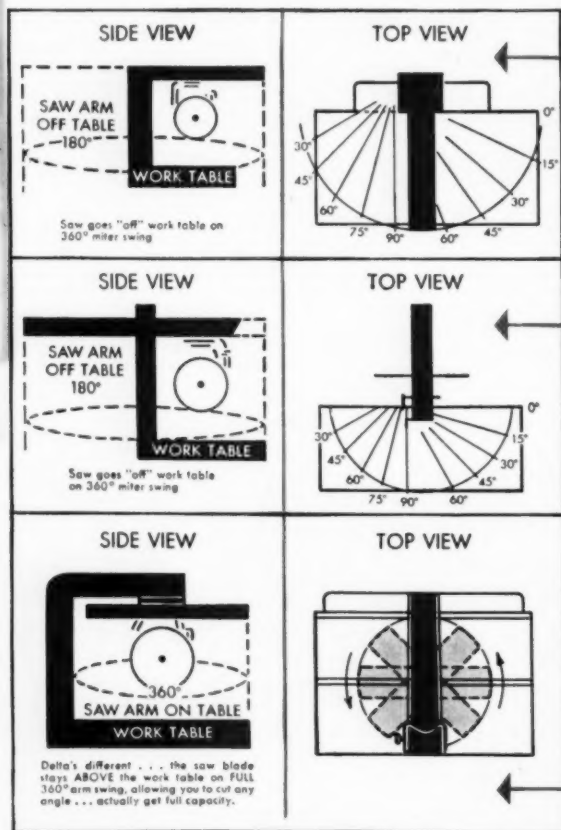
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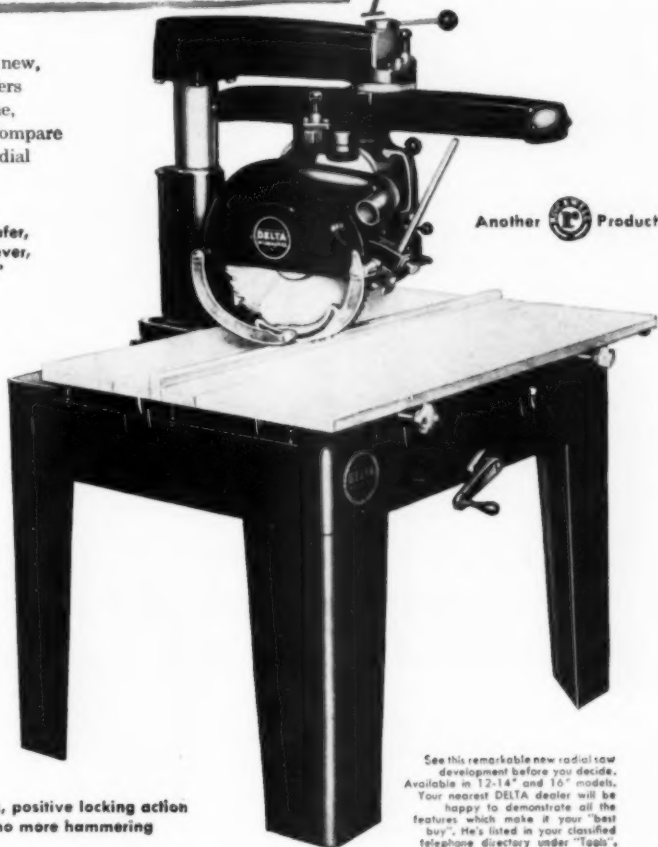
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The information will be particularly helpful in forecasting the market for home building, and finding out how much competition you have. If you are building in a community of 150,000 where 100 new houses are being built each month, the job will take only a few hours and can be assigned to one of your clerks.

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You may find that a considerable proportion of houses built in your community are owner-built. This is a market that builders need to capture. It is, of course, a good market for lumber dealers. If building permits are issued for areas outside of the city limits be sure to tabulate them also.

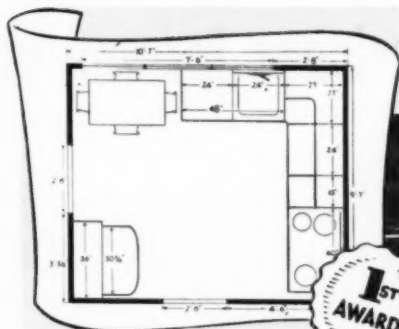
Another source of information for residential building potentials is marriage licenses. A continuing record of the number issued over a period of years and months will help you to forecast demand for new homes.

Builders and dealers need to study the 1950 Census for their communities very carefully. The final tabulations are not complete for all cities as yet, but will be available this fall.

The Census data includes information on family income, number and age of dwelling units, plumbing facilities, vacancies, size of households, overcrowding, number of home owners and renters, and number of homes mortgaged.

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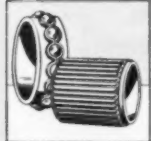
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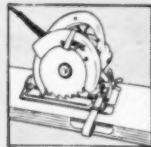
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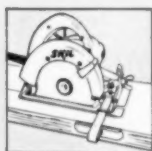
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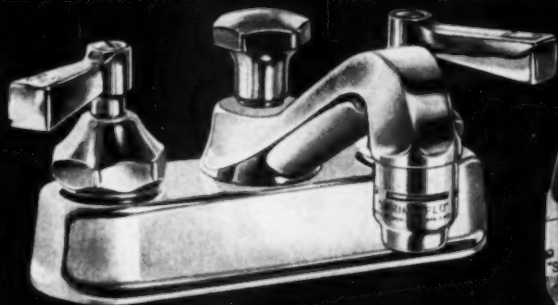
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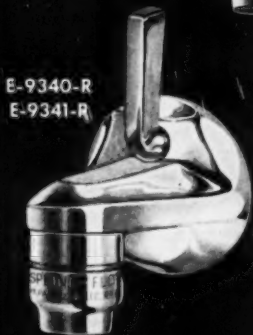
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New WSB Wage Formula "Ruined all Incentive among Workmen:" NAHB

Controls Also Rapped at Spring Directors Meeting

The recently established WSB wage pattern not only is costing the industry a pretty penny but has ruined all incentive among workmen to do a good job, the National Association of Home Builders charged at its spring directors' meeting in Washington.

Under the WSB formula, said Alan E. Brockbank, NAHB president, any builder who pays more than union scale is violating the law. "This means that you can pay a man scale only, not a penny more, even if you've been doing it for years."

It is only right, Brockbank agreed, that a builder shouldn't be allowed to change his scale in order to pirate labor for his job. At the same time, he continued, the builder who has made it a practice right along to pay his key men above scale should not be penalized, and neither should the men.

Rather than saving anybody anything, this regulation will prove most costly, Brockbank charged. It has already led to damaging strikes in the San Francisco Bay and Southern Michigan areas, he pointed out, because the most efficient workmen re-

fuse to take any cut from their accustomed wages and the builders are helpless to do anything about it.

Controls Cut into Sales

The NAHB leader told a press conference at the conclusion of the four-day meeting, before revision of Regulation X was announced, that the builders have urged Congress to revoke controls on financing, prices, wages, materials and rents. He said many thousands of families are constantly inspecting new homes all over the country, but few are buying.

"The little fellows (small builders) are getting awfully leery," he warned. "When they have three houses unsold, they stop because they can't afford to go on. Collectively, they haven't stopped yet, but they are getting very close to the mark."

Active builders in all price ranges down to \$3,000 are having a hard time getting a down payment, according to Brockbank, who said: "I can't make a plea strong enough to help the people in really low-cost brackets—even a few cents in the down payment makes a difference."

Government housing officials addressing the 400 directors, board presidents and executive officers at

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"X" Revision Called Very Disappointing By Lumber Dealers

The revision of Credit Regulation X recently announced by the Federal government is extremely disappointing and will have little or no helpful effect on the housing market. This is the view of the National Retail Lumber Dealers Association as expressed by executive vice president H. R. Northrup.

"The reduction in downpayments is so slight, except for the lowest priced homes, that it will afford no important relief to families seeking larger homes or to builders who have such homes standing vacant for lack of buyers with sufficient downpayments," Northrup said.

"There is no sound reason for maintaining such tight control over housing credit when restrictions have been completely removed on appliances, automobiles, and other goods. It is difficult to escape the conclusion that government officials are using superfluous emergency powers for the purpose of programming housing in such a way as to fit their own social aims."

"A recent nationwide survey conducted by members of NRLDA's Executive Committee showed that in many parts of the country large numbers of homes priced at \$15,000 and up are completed but unsold. Prospective buyers are eager for the homes but can't raise the excessive downpayments required in the name of a credit emergency which seems to exist only in the field of housing."

"Inasmuch as Federal agencies refuse to take the necessary administrative action, our only alternative is to place the facts before Congress and urge that their authority to maintain controls over housing credit be removed entirely."

Two LP-Gas Groups Announce Merger

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Association has accepted the proposal of the National Butane-Propane Association that the two groups be consolidated. Charles Grau, NBPA president, has announced.

The consolidation is effective immediately and all NBPA members will become members of LPGA if they wish.

Grau, of Rhinelander, Wis., said the action was taken in the interest of building a stronger trade association to better serve the LP-gas industry.



HOUSING LEADERS at the spring meeting of the National Association of Home Builders in Washington May 25-28. Left to right are Alan E. Brockbank, NAHB president; Senator Wallace F. Bennett of Utah; Administrator Raymond M. Foley, Housing and Home Finance Agency, and Frank W. Cortright, NAHB executive vice president.



Dealer's Viewpoint

H. R. NORTHUP, Executive Vice President,
National Retail Lumber Dealers Association

From National Home Week: Extra Business for Dealers

Each year more and more retail lumber and building materials dealers are taking an active part in the observance of NATIONAL HOME WEEK. The reason is obvious: more and more dealers are providing a home building service each year for their customers.

Whether a dealer performs the function of a general contractor and has houses for sale or merely helps his customer make all necessary arrangements for getting a new home built, he has a vital stake in promoting home ownership because a bill of materials for a new house is a highly desirable type of sale.

NATIONAL HOME WEEK has two principal objectives—helping sell houses already built or under construction, and getting more families actively interested in acquiring a new home. Lumber dealers are interested in both, but there also is a third way to cash in on the annual nationwide promotion. That is by taking advantage of the opportunity to impress future home owners with the wisdom of insisting on quality materials and workmanship.

Eye-appeal, gadgets, and time-saving household equipment all are important in the sale of homes, but the basic quality of the structure is an even greater selling point which too often is glossed over on the assumption that customers take it for granted and are mainly interested in "extras" and unusual features.

Yet structural soundness, low maintenance expense, and good finish are qualities that any prospective home owner is bound to appreciate if they are emphasized skillfully.

Inasmuch as a goodly percentage of the individuals who visit and inspect new homes during NATIONAL HOME WEEK are not actually in the market, or won't be for some time to come, the lumber dealer has a splendid opportunity to direct public attention to the quality of the roofs, recreation rooms, window screens and doors, and other details of new houses being opened to the public in such a way as to stimulate a good volume of modernization work among lookers who own older homes in which they will continue to live.

In addition to newspaper advertising, a few attractive cardboard posters, with an explanatory sales message hand-lettered, will serve the purpose if placed in the living room or in parts of the house to which they specifically refer.

Other posters might read: "BE SURE TO SEE the recreation room of this quality home. Finishing that fine room added only \$— to the monthly payment. We are proud to have supplied the ceiling and floor tile, the paneling, and the door trim. (Name, address, and telephone number of the dealer.)"

Whether or not the exhibit house has a garage, there can be another poster reading: "A COMPLETE GARAGE for ONLY \$— A MONTH. That's all it will cost, including materials, labor, and a swing-up door. (Same signature as above.)"

NATIONAL HOME WEEK can stimulate a good deal of extra business for the dealer who is looking for additional volume in the residential market.

Flash! Lumbermen Rule 10 Per Cent of Texas Empire

Nearly 10 per cent of the people in Texas live in towns "governed" by members of the Lumbermen's Association of Texas.

This interesting insight into the civic-mindedness of southwest dealers was given by Gene Ebersole, association vice president, in releasing an up-to-date list of association members now serving as mayors of their cities. So far, Ebersole has uncovered 19, and thinks there are still some he hasn't heard of.

Population of these "dealer-governed" Texas cities amounts to nearly 750,000; the state's population is 7½ million. That's where the 10 per cent comes in. Moreover, in San Antonio (406,811), both the mayor and the mayor pro-tem are association members. The city's population was counted only once, though. San Antonio's mayor is Sam Bell Steves, its mayor pro-tem, Mike Cassidy.

Many other Texas lumbermen, Ebersole said, are doing civic duty as city councilmen, presidents of chambers of commerce, and in other posts.

Another interesting twist to Texas dealer civic-mindedness—a single firm lists three mayors on its roster. It is the Calcasieu Lumber Co. and its officials are W. S. Drake, president of the company and mayor of Austin; Charles Young, mayor of Kyle; and Thomas Starnes, mayor of Thrall.

Here are the other dealer-mayors and their cities:

Marvin C. Alson, Sweetwater; Cecil Colburn, Pecos; Alvin M. Clark, Rotan; W. B. Elliot, Thorndale; John Gillette, Alpine; Ike Hallman, Menard; Gene Klein, Amarillo; Phil McGee, Robstown; Herbert Pike, Weslaco; Herbert Stokely, Brownsville; Herbert Turner, Childress; Lamar West, Levelland; J. Wolfshol, Beeville; and J. T. Newman, Cuero.

Installed in Philadelphia



AT OFFICER INSTALLATION ceremonies of Home Builders Association of Philadelphia and Suburbs, Paul E. Kelley (left), newly-elected Philadelphia president, talks over home building conditions with Alan E. Brockbank (center) and E. M. Spiegel, president and vice president of the National Association of Home Builders.

300 Attend Kick-Off of South Bend Member Drive

Seven members of the Chicago Metropolitan Home Builders Association took part in a big membership meeting staged in South Bend, Ind., June 10 by the South Bend-Mishawaka Home Builders Association. Total attendance was around 300.

From Chicago were A. O. Aldrich, regional vice president of the National Association of Home Builders and past Chicago president; Martin C. Huggett, executive vice president; Bryn A. Griffiths, executive secretary; Edward G. Gavin, editor of *American Builder*, a director; A. J. Del Bianco, a director; George K.

Newman and Kenneth Schuham.

Representing the Northern Illinois Home Builders Association was Major General Richard Smykal, Gale C. Corley and John Phrommer of the Home Builders Association of Northern Indiana were also on hand.

Steel Boiler Volume Told

The volume of business in the steel boiler industry in 1952 (up to April 27) amounted to 93 per cent of shipments for the similar period in 1950, and 62 percent of the shipments for the like period in 1951, it was reported at the recent annual meeting of the Steel Boiler Institute in Hershey, Pa.

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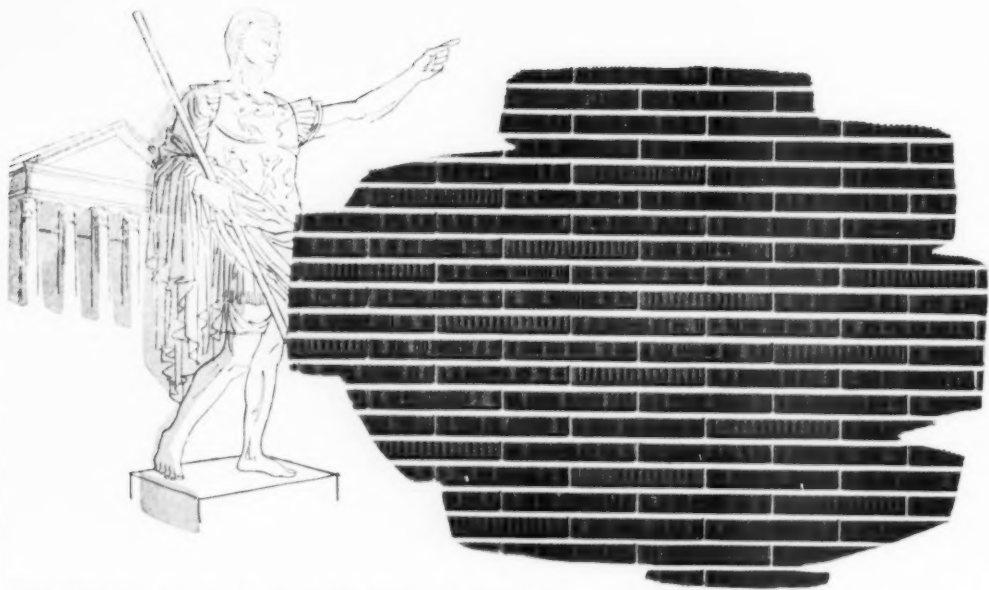
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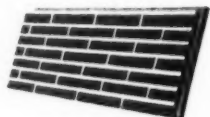


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VIEWS OF U.S. PRIVATE INDUSTRY on the "Socialism vs. Free Enterprise" issue were heard by Siegfried Streutert (center), an exchange student from Kiel, Germany, as a guest at recent joint meeting of the Amarillo Real Estate Board and the Texas Panhandle Home Builders Association in Amarillo. Streutert, who has been attending school in Amarillo, is pictured with builder association president Jack Seale (left) and Hugo Loewenstern, past president of the Texas Real Estate Association. Featured at the meeting was a panel discussion on public housing, rent control, slum clearance and other controversial topics.

Small Town Project First In NAHB Land Planning

A project in Farmington, N.M., a town of 6,000, is winner of the National Association of Home Builders' first 1952 Merit Award in land planning.

The award, for high standards of land planning, design and development, went to San Juan Park, a 53-acre subdivision developed by Allen Stamm & Associates of Santa Fe, N.M. Land planners were Harmon & O'Donnell, Denver. John Weaver Gordon II, Santa Fe, was the architect.

Announcement of award was made by NAHB's land planning committee, of which Albert Balch, Seattle, and L. E. Fite, San Antonio, are co-chairmen.

Special Features Spark Cincinnati Home Show

A "very successful" home show has been reported by the Home Builders Association of Greater Cincinnati.

Among the features of the recent event, held at the new Cincinnati Gardens, were a stage show, a bird house building contest for Boy Scouts and a "Miss Homemaking" contest for high school senior girls in which the winner got a \$500 college scholarship.

The association show committee was headed by Wilford H. Miller, chairman, and Martin L. Holman, co-chairman. Earle DeLaittre was managing director.

Cortright's Column

FRANK W. CORTRIGHT, Executive Vice President, National Association of Home Builders of the United States



New Definition of a Liberal

There is a note of encouragement in today's Washington news—something that transcends the daily headlines about steel, controls and confusion. There is confusion, but I detect a new note of true liberalism.

True liberalism affects all of us. It is of vast difference from the so-called "progressive liberalism" which took over the nation from 1944 to 1950, when slowly it began to fade.

Edward J. Meeman, editor of the Memphis Press-Scimitar, one of the Nation's great newspapers, summed up the situation recently when he said that our country's old liberal movement is dead. It is dead, he added, because it tolerated Marxist communism and related ideas which brought on the country's present crisis.

With the blessing of progressive liberals, Communism was allowed to grow into the great power that now threatens us. By liberals, I mean those men and women who wish to abolish poverty, who wish to enjoy freedom and the good things of life which have been limited to the few.

The goal was all right. The method of proposed attainment was all wrong. Editor Meeman points out that the mistake these liberals made was in building a powerful government and a powerful labor movement in an effort to accomplish these purposes.

As those of you who have studied the question of public housing know, the effect was to make the individual dependent on a powerful government and labor movement—and, of course, these forces were too big for the liberals to control effectively.

Now, what about my news concerning true liberalism? The goal of a true liberal is to make the individual less dependent on resources controlled by others, and to make it possible for him to enlarge his own resources, which he controls. False liberalism tears down the institution of private property; true liberalism extends private property.

In recent legislative actions the progressive liberal has lost ground to the true liberal. I look forward to the day when true liberalism will seek to make everybody a property owner. Workers would be encouraged to buy stocks in the industries in which they work, and in other industries.

Editor Meeman has a good thought: "Only when the majority of people are substantial property owners will the private property system be safe."

Capitalism, in my opinion, cannot survive unless we can eliminate the continued strikes which always threaten our economy. And these strikes will be eliminated only when the interests of capital and labor become identical. And they become identical when they have a common interest in eliminating waste, increasing production and profits.

The way to get a new liberal movement, Editor Meeman suggests, is to go back to the crossroads, where the progressive liberals lost their way. Liberals have been on the wrong road for a long time. If they return to the crossroads, there they will find the right road.

It leads not to the expansion and aggrandizement of government, its sources and powers, but the expansion of the individual, his resources and powers.

The task of new liberalism is to see that the workingman becomes the owner of private property, and lots of it. Then the private property system will be safe, and the liberties that are safe only under a private property system.

Southern Plywood Makers Seek to Curb Imports

Steps to "initiate industry-wide support in combating the ever-increasing importation of hardwood plywood" were taken by the Southern Plywood Manufacturers Association at its recent meeting at St. Simons Island, Ga.

The group also voted to register strong protest with the Interstate

Commerce Commission against the recent freight rate increase and to take steps to help prevent further increases.

Named president and vice president respectively were V. L. Toussaint of Hattiesburg, Miss., and Tom John, Maxton, N.C. C. W. Dietterich of Atlanta was reelected managing director.

Sixty-five members and guests were on hand for the meeting, the association's 12th annual.

WSB Wage Formula

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The meeting were united in the opinion that Regulation X should be continued in some modified form "because the danger of inflation still exists." Summing up, Housing and Home Finance Administrator Raymond M. Foley said: "If a million homes can be safely produced, we'll try to adjust controls to produce them in a well-rounded proportion. We'll go back and come out with the very best answers we can as, we think you'll agree, we have always tried to do."

Exhibit Space Enlarged

Looking ahead to the 1953 convention and exhibition, Paul S. Van Anken, NAHB convention director, reported that the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago was enlarging its exhibition hall to provide 60 extra booth spaces. He said this would enable the builders to have more exhibit space under one roof than heretofore in the Conrad Hilton and Congress Hotels combined. The additional space is made possible by moving the Hilton's large coffee shop from the basement level to the main floor.

New NAHB Home Under Study

Former NAHB President Edward R. Carr described several studies under consideration for the association's new headquarters, and the building committee he heads was given a vote of confidence to use its best judgment in selecting a final plan. Proposals ranged from utilization of the concrete in an existing building on the site for construction of a three- and four-story structure, up to an entirely new building eight stories high, the maximum height permitted by zoning regulations. The plot, approximately 63x130 feet, is at 1623-25 L Street, between 16th and 17th Streets and midway between the Statler and Mayflower Hotels.

The directors decided to hold their 1953 fall meeting at New Orleans. Buffalo had put in a bid, while Long Island urged consideration of New York for the 1954 fall session.

James W. Pearson, president of the Executive Officers Council, announced that the Council would hold its summer conference August 24-26 in Lookout Mountain Hotel, atop the famous mountain of that name overlooking Chattanooga, Tenn.

Five New Chapters Bring NAHB Total to 203

Five new chapters were granted charters at the Washington meeting, increasing the number of local associations affiliated with the national organization to 203.

Latest additions include the Springfield Home Builders Association, Springfield, Ill.; Gail M. Wanless, president; Santa Fe Home Builders Association, Santa Fe, N. M.; William A. Stanton, president; Lower

Compare Notes on Ohio Home Building



BOARD OF DIRECTORS of Ohio Home Builders Association poses at Shawnee Country Club, Lima, during recent business meeting. Host for the session was the Northwestern Ohio Contractors and Builders Association.

Heads N. California Dealers



NEW PRESIDENT of the Lumber Merchants Association of Northern California, Ira E. Horton (right) of San Francisco, is congratulated by retiring president J. H. Kirk, Santa Maria, at group's recent 12th annual convention at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. Russ Stevens of Healdsburg was reelected vice president and Everett King, Bakersfield, was named treasurer.

Guadalupe River Home Builders Association, Victoria, Texas, W. G. Maroney, president; Home Builders Association of La Crosse, La Crosse, Wis., Osborne Nolop, president, and Centex Home Builders Association, Killeen, Texas, Jack Cloud president.

Several changes in the national directorship were also announced. Named to represent state associations were John Shaffer, Florida; Harold Albert, Michigan; Lewis Epstein, New Jersey; Joseph Robers, Ohio; N. D. Woods, Oklahoma, and E. J. Burke, Texas.

New directors from local associations include Gail M. Wanless of the newly organized Springfield, Ill., group; Harris K. Evans of the Milwaukee Builders Association and Quincy Lee of the San Antonio Home Builders Association; Carl Springer of the Lorain County (Ohio) Home Builders Association, Roland Bremer of the San Antonio Home Builders Association and Aubrey W. Love of the Home Builders Association of W. Virginia.

Builder Group Active in Grand Rapids' Decision to Speed Sewer Improvements

When the city commission of Grand Rapids, Mich., recently decided to build secondary sewage treatment facilities as ordered by a lower court, without appealing the order to the state supreme court, it made a move which had been actively supported by the Grand Rapids Home Builders Association.

The Allied Building Council of Grand Rapids, of which the home builder group is a member, employed an attorney to help in expediting the commission's favorable decision.

Without the sewage disposal addition, builders would be unable to connect to many of the existing sewers. Neither would they be authorized to build houses outside the city without installing septic tanks, which are prohibited in some of the adjoining townships.

Builder Association officials said that lack of additional facilities was generally holding up home building, having prompted a state health department ban on sewer extensions pending assurance that the city could handle its sewage adequately.

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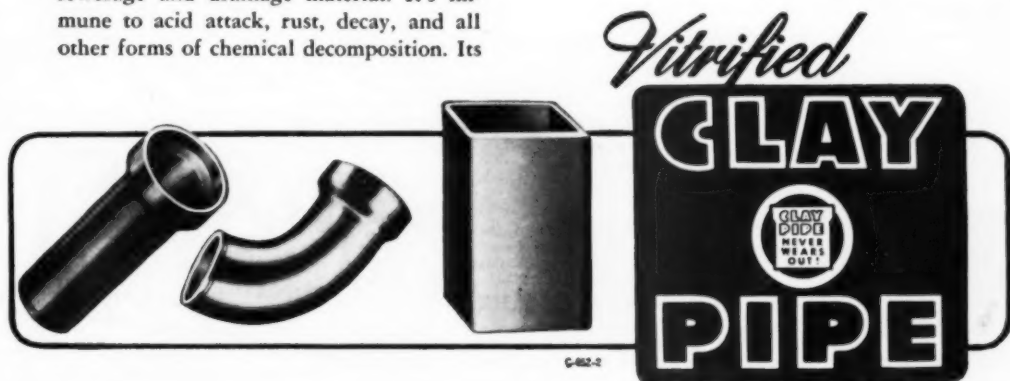
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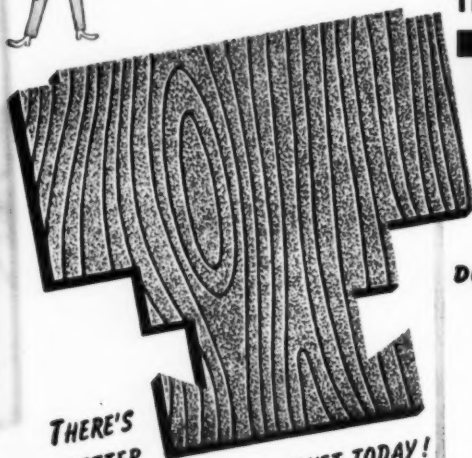
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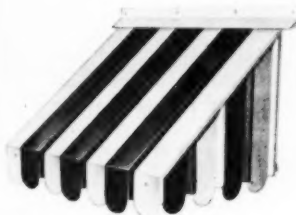
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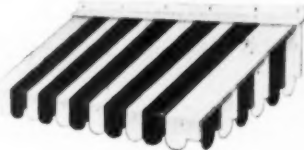
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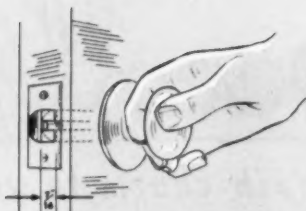
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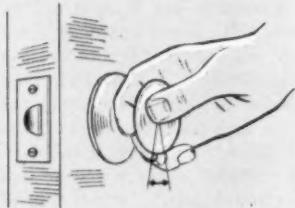


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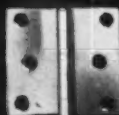
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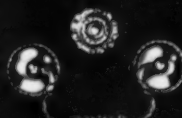
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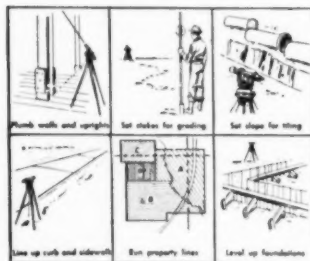
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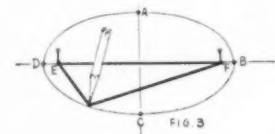
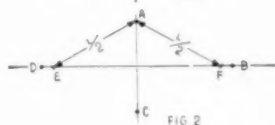
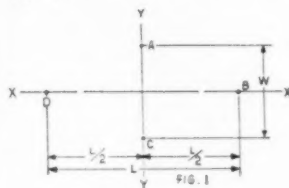
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LETTERS

Laying Out An Oval

Sir: Regarding your answer to H.F.R. in the March issue for a method of laying out an oval of any size, you did not completely answer the question. You explained a method of laying out an ellipse of very specific proportions. The ellipse you showed would always have a width of 86.6 per cent of the length. Here is the correct method for laying out an ellipse of any width W and length L :

1. Lay out two center lines $x-x$ and $y-y$ and mark the four points A , B , C , and D according to the desired width W and length L . (see Fig. 1.)



2. Locate points E and F on the longer $x-x$ of the two axis. These two points are located by measuring from point A (or C) a distance $L/2$ to the center line $x-x$ as shown in Fig. 2.

3. Drive a pin or small nail at three points A , E , and F . Then place a loop of thread, string, or fine wire around the three pins, making the loop free from any slack. Run a pencil around as shown after removing the pin at A , thus describing a true ellipse. A thread or string is fine for a small ellipse but for a larger one such as an arch or a porch, the string will give too much. A thin wire is better.

John B. Threlfall,
Madison, Wis.

Presentation Of Facts

Sir: I have just finished reading the May issue of the *American Builder*, and wish to compliment you most

enthusiastically on the splendid work you are doing. Naturally, I have gone over the story concerning our company, starting on page 90, and can only say that I cannot imagine how you could have improved upon your presentation of the facts as they actually exist on the job.

After this clear, concise example of reporting, you can rest assured that I will read your magazine with even more interest and full confidence that you are sparing no efforts to present a true picture.

J. J. Carey,
Hutchinson & Carey Inc.,
Denver, Colo.

Better Than School

Sir: Yours is a splendid publication. While I originally subscribed to it because of my enrollment in a correspondence course in building construction as a source of supplementary information, I soon found I was obtaining more instruction from the *American Builder* than from the course. I have long since discontinued the correspondence course but it would be quite unthinkable for me to do without the *American Builder*.

Joseph E. Dummer,
Baltimore, Md.

Paint Articles Interest Many Readers

Sir: I am very much interested in the series of articles on paint that are being published in the *American Builder* at the present time. This interest has been increased recently by the fact that the University administration has requested that I give a series of 30 one-hour lectures on paint technology during the coming summer school session. The lectures are to be of a non-technical nature and are for the purpose of giving high school teachers a general knowledge of the history, the raw materials, manufacture and uses of paint and related products.

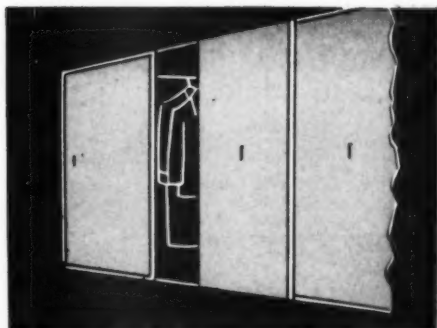
The information given in the articles printed thus far in the *American Builder* is of the nature which I am proposing to lecture on this summer. I would like to inquire whether it would be possible to obtain reprints of the articles as they are published. Is it too bad that the publication of the series will not be complete prior to the start of summer school.

Andrew J. Snyder, Professor,
Paint Technology, U. of Alabama,
University, Ala.

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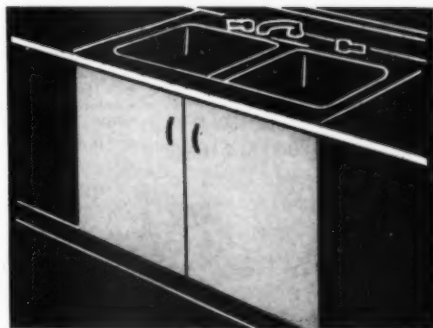
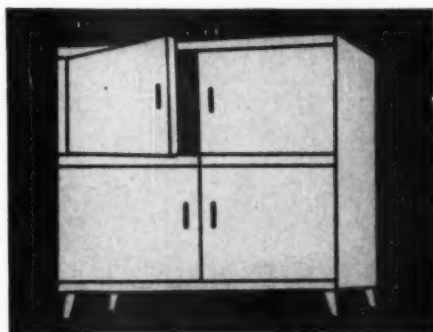
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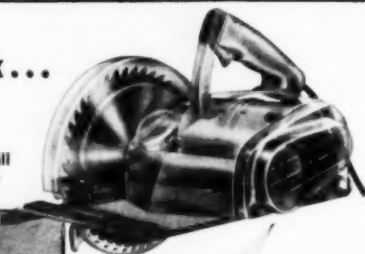
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Paint...

Sir: I am very much interested in your fine series of articles on paint currently running in your magazine. If it is possible, I should like to obtain three reprints of the complete series of articles for office and class room use.

Dale E. Kirk, Assistant Professor,
Agricultural Engineering Dept.,
Oregon State College,
Corvallis, Ore.

Sir: The series of articles appearing in *American Builder* on "What Paint Is" is of great interest to us, and we would like to obtain the complete series of eight articles for reference. We would prefer not mutilating each month's magazine in order to separate out each article. Would it be possible to obtain reprints of these articles?

Lee A. Wolterding,
Kimberly-Clark Corp.,
Neenah, Wis.

Sir: Could you tell us if the series of articles on the "Fundamentals of Paint in the Building Business" which are appearing in your magazine will be published in book form?

Roberta J. Brodie,
National Research Council,
Ottawa, Canada

Sir: We want to compliment you on the quality and thoroughness of the paint articles appearing in *American Builder*. It has been my pleasure to be associated with the paint business from the trade sales viewpoint for about 30 years and I have often wished for the time to sit down and properly prepare articles that would be of service to men who have been in the business from one to ten years, but have never seemed to find the time.

In these articles the editor has gone into a great deal of research to be able to convey this information as thoroughly and yet so simply for a person to understand. We are going to assemble these articles in book-let form and are desirous of assembling four sets.

W. H. Goodwin, Manager,
Paint and General Hardware Dept.,
Pinellas Lumber Co.,
St. Petersburg, Fla.

▶ At present there are no reprints of the paint articles available. If a sufficient volume of

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requests for reprints are forwarded to *American Builder*, they will be made available.—The Editor

Cooperative Housing Plan Interests Canadian

Sir: We have noted with interest the article on page 194 of the May 1952 issue outlining the Kavanagh Manor Cooperative which was formed under Section 213, Title II of the National Housing Act. This plan would seem to have a lot of merit and as president of the National House Builders Association Inc. of Canada I should like to have complete information on this section of the Act so that consideration can be given to a recommendation to our own National Housing Act authorities.

W. H. Grisenthwaite,
Hamilton, Ontario,
Canada

More on 2-Ply Wallboard Application

Sir: We are interested in your article on pages 54 and 56 of the May issue relative to 2-ply wallboard application. It happens we have a job of this description coming up very soon. Our customer plans to use two sheets of 3/8-inch gypsum board. What we particularly wish to know is how much cement is required for a square foot or 100 square feet of surface?

B. C. Patrick, Manager,
Hawkeye Lumber Co.,
Osceola, Iowa

► Other readers have asked this same question. Unfortunately space limitations forced us to omit the figures on adhesive coverage in this article. The Gypsum Association, which is our source for information on this particular system of application, recommends "that no less than 45 pounds and no more than 60 pounds of laminating adhesive be used per thousand square feet of board. The adhesive, of course, is placed on the backside of the face layer and troweled evenly with a notched trowel.

"With respect to the brands of material available for lamination, we suggest that the adhesive recommended by the particular wallboard manufacturer whose products are being used be consulted for recommendations. It is generally advisable to use that manufacturer's cement whose wallboard is being erected. Generally, you will find little variation in the formulation of the cement."

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How to Apply Coverings and Finishes on Concrete Subfloors

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There are several types of concrete subfloors; any can be finished with the covering of the owner's choice. Recommended procedure for installing some of the most popular coverings is described below.



CARPETING

The subfloors are given a smooth troweled finish. Carpeting usually is laid over pads, which lengthen the life of the covering and



make walking more luxurious. Ordinarily carpeting is tacked to wooden strips either embedded in the concrete or nailed to wooden plugs set around the edge of the



concrete floor. Photos above illustrate the latter procedure: (1) drill holes to take the plugs, (2) tap hardwood plugs into the holes, (3) Nail continuous wooden strips to the plugs.



CEMENTED COVERINGS

You need a subfloor with smooth troweled finish or fine broomed texture for linoleum, composition tile such as asphalt, cork, plas-



tic or rubber, or parquet wood. Follow manufacturer's directions in using special mastics to cement these materials directly to clean, dry concrete. The three photos above show



(1) cementing linoleum to subfloor, (2) applying asphalt tile to subfloor on a special mastic spread, (3) cementing factory-prepared wooden flooring blocks to concrete subfloor.



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Nail over waterproofed paper to wooden sleepers (not over 16 in. apart) embedded in concrete or anchored with metal clips.



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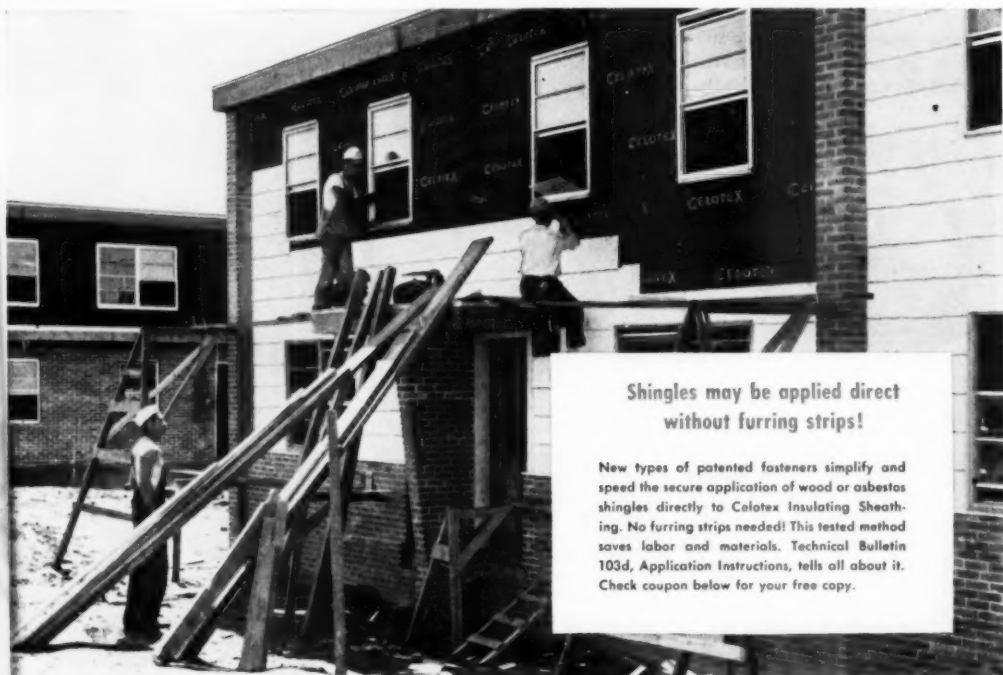
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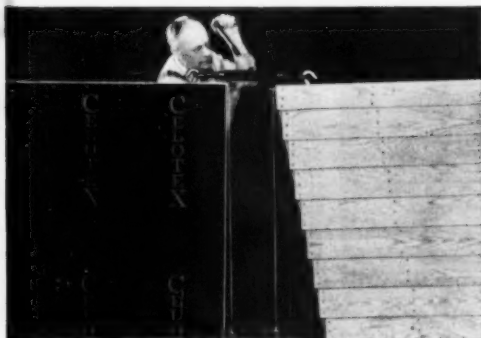
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ON and OFF the RECORD

VIRGIL PLACE—When the South Bend-Mishawaka home builders chapter slipped to a membership of 16, someone asked Virgil Place why he didn't take over the job of reviving the organization. "I think they expected me to duck," said Virgil, "but I surprised them and said that I'd do it."

HOW TO DO IT—It's easy if you are a showman, an organizer and a driver. Place is all of those. He put together a meeting of nearly 300 in South Bend, imported a corps of four speakers from Chicago, had the mayor of South Bend present, and provided a membership solicitor for every 10 visitors. Gain in membership was about 1,000 per cent. State NAHB officials were also present to sell the idea of a state organization. South Bend-Mishawaka is back in the fold very strongly, and it's another first for Place.

LAWNS—Speaking of Virgil Place always brings up the subject of his son, the ingenious and irrepressible Andy. Andy's houses are all sold with lawns planted. Used to plant them by hand. But one day, Virgil, who came from a farm, and began his career as a county farm advisor asked why lawns couldn't be planted just as grain is planted on a farm. Andy's answer was to purchase a Ford tractor and a Brillion seeder. Now a full lawn on a large lot is planted in 30 to 35 minutes by one man driving the equipment. It's a great saving.

SPRINKLING—As soon as the lawns are planted high school boys spray them, and in about four days a tinge of green appears. Telling this much more or less jumps the gun, because complete details of this and other Place operations will appear in an early issue.

SALES—They are reported slow in most cities. There are exceptions. One is Jim Moreland's development on the edge of Chicago. He's building one-floor, modern designs on 100-foot lots for \$16,500. Has 22 under way at this writing, and has sold about 30. He says, "They'll buy if you've got what they want."

NHW—It means National Home Week. Elsewhere in this issue are complete details of the 1952 American Builder NATIONAL HOME WEEK contests—for NAHB chapters and for retail lumber dealers. Start your plans now, and write for contest entry blanks.

INGENUITY—After 25 years in this business and visits through hundreds of manufacturing plants, it's still a thrill to see a manufacturing process. Latest thrill, the Overhead Door Corporation's plant in Hartford City, Ind. The machines contrived by management and intelligent shop labor are amazing. Overhead Door takes second place to none when it comes to developing original machinery to cut costs and speed production.

PARTS—Another amazing thing about this company is the fact that the only finished parts it purchases are motors, nails, screws, bolts, cable and chain. All of the track, rollers, pulleys and other connectors are made from raw material right in the plant. It is another demonstration of the unlimited ability of American industry to invent and to improve, and to keep on doing both.

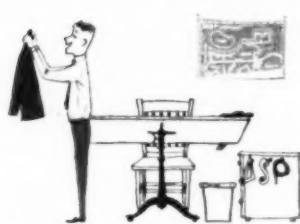
NEW SLUMS—Now that many postwar low-cost housing projects have been standing for a few years, some of them are beginning to disintegrate. Reason has nothing to do with the quality of construction. It has everything to do with the indifference of owners, probably their ignorance of how to live in houses. Many of these houses are beginning to look like slum dwellings—inside and out—which proves what we have maintained all along—that slums do not produce degenerate families, but that degenerate families produce slums.

THE PROBLEM—It's how to educate people in the art of living in houses. Maybe the building industry will have to do the educating. It's a certainty that when the public housers and the do-gooders catch up with these decaying houses recently built they'll blame the builders, but not the people who are abusing the houses.

POSSIBILITIES—One possible preventive is to collect a sum from each buyer to hold in reserve for use in case the owner neglects the lawn, defaces the exterior, fails to paint when paint is needed, or otherwise refuses or neglects to maintain. It doesn't sound like an easy answer, but it's possible.

COMMUNITY COUNCILS—An organization of property owners in a development might be able to set a pace which would spur all to keep
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How to design a new kind of house



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their properties up. This has worked well. Garden clubs often exert great influence on the character of a development or community. In any event, because of indolence or ignorance, new slums are in the making, and it's the builders who will get the blame.

THEY DON'T—Can't you hear it now? They don't build them the way they used to. That's the reason they're falling apart. The rascally builders just threw them together after the war, and it's their fault that the houses don't stand up. That is what the do-gooders will be crying in another year, and they will make it stick unless somebody proves that it's people and not the houses that are at fault.

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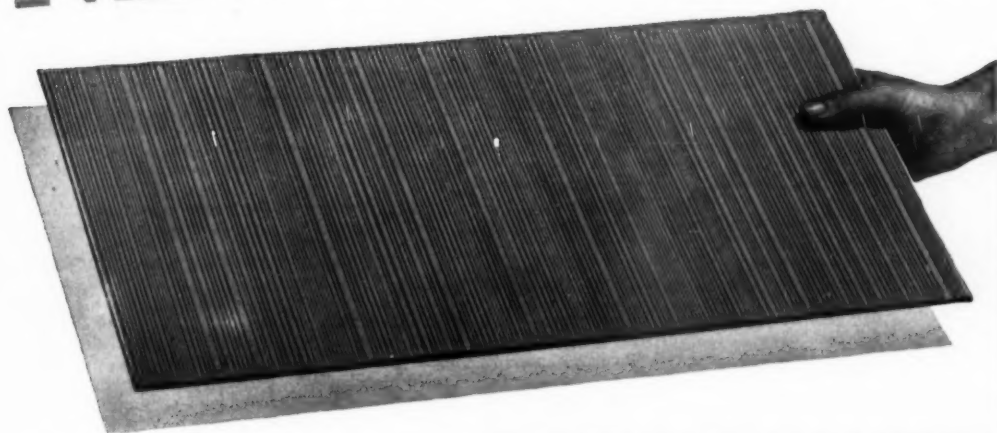
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THE LIFE of a building is lengthened if the rain water is carried off the roof and discharged in some desired place, such as sewer connections or street curbs. When rain water is allowed to drip from the eaves it splashes up to discolor walls and damage siding. A frame house without guttering or downspouts requires painting more often than one having this protection. Lack of guttering on a masonry house will cause defective mortar joints.

The foundations of both types of houses suffer from the effects of moisture which is absorbed by the soil under the eaves and in direct contact with these walls, unless there are drains to carry this water away. The easiest way to control rain water is to use gutters and conductor pipes.

The two general types of gutters are half round and style "K" box. These may be made from galvanized copper alloy steel, 16 ounce copper, 1X 40 pound long terne or other metals.

Guttering should be erected in the following manner: (1) For reasonably short lengths it should slope in one direction only, from one end of the eave to the other. (2) For long lengths it can be hung either at or near its middle point and be allowed to slope in opposite direc-

tions to the gable ends. (3) The gutter may slope from both ends toward the middle where a conductor outlet can be installed.

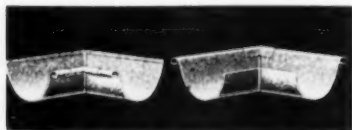
An end piece, usually 12 inches long, is a piece of gutter with a drop installed in the center to which a conductor pipe is fastened. This accessory provides a connection to allow water to flow from gutter into conductor pipe.

The half-round gutter, used when roof edge extends beyond side of building and overhang is left open, is available in two styles; the lap joint half-round gutter and the slip joint half-round gutter. Lap joint requires soldering at all joints. Slip joint on the other hand requires no soldering since each unit is joined to the other by means of a slip joint connector.

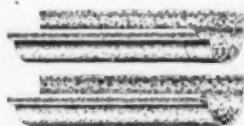
To determine whether a right or left hand slip joint gutter is to be used, face the building where the gutter is to be placed. If the gutter slopes with the high end on the left and with the slip joint on the low end to the right, then a right hand gutter is required. If in the opposite direction, a left hand gutter is required.

Style "K" gutter is used to conduct roof drainage to

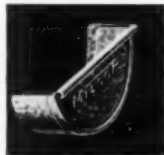
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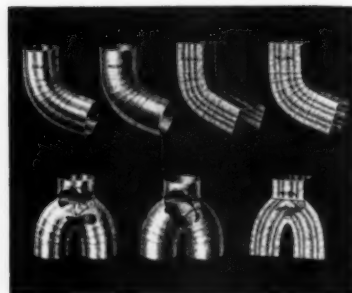
Half-round gutter mitres, inside and outside lap joints



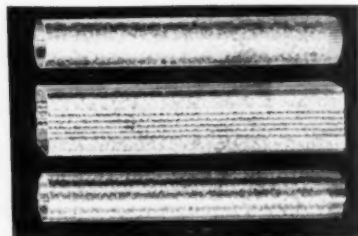
Half-round slip joint gutter and half-round lap joint gutter



Half-round gutter cap



Corrugated round and plain conductor pipe elbows. Square conductor pipe elbows, style A and B. Corrugated round and plain cutoffs



Corrugated and round conductor pipes. Corrugated square conductor pipe



Style "K" slip joint



Style "K" end piece with outlet

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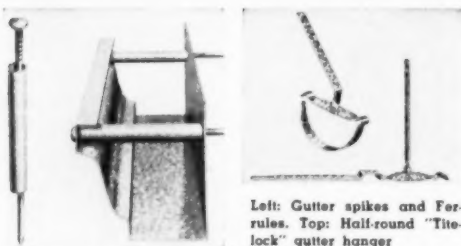
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Left: Gutter spikes and Ferrules. Top: Half-round "Tite-lock" gutter hanger



Style "K" highback box gutter



Style "K" box gutter, left. Right, "K" gutter mitre outside

conductor pipe. It is used when roof edge is flush with face of wall, or when roof is an extended overhang, boxed or closed in and finished with a fascia board. The gutter can be erected as follows: (1) gutter slopes in one direction from one end of eave to the other. (2) It can be hung high at, or near its middle point and be allowed to slope in opposite directions to the gable ends. (3) The gutter may slope from both ends toward the middle and at the lowest point an outlet should be provided. The gutter is held in position by hangers. Pitch of gutter should be $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch to the foot to assure proper flow of water.

Style "K" box gutter is supplied in two styles, regular and high back. The high back gutter is used when a roof flange is desired. On applications of this kind the additional material on the back of the gutter is bent at an approximate 45-degree angle to form the roof flange. This flange is then slipped under the roofing on replacement work, or it is installed in place before the roofing is applied on new construction.

To install half-round or style "K" gutters, there are several types of hangers from which to choose. These vary from the simple wire hanger to the later-developed strap hanger or shank and circle hanger. Wire hangers, cheaper and lighter than strap hangers, are common with small gutters, but must be placed closer together than strap hangers. Shank and circle hangers, commonly used in the Eastern area, allow rain gutters to be removed easily for repairs without changing the shank. Strap hangers do not allow removal of gutters without removing the hangers.

Half round gutters may be installed with any one of these three methods of hanging, while style "K" gutters require either square head hangers or gutter spikes and ferrules. Square head hangers are attached to the outer edge of the box gutter and then nailed securely to the roof. Box gutters with high back styling will use square

head hangers as a rule. Hangers should be spaced about 2½ feet apart; extra ones may be used where needed.

The conductor pipe (sometimes called leader or down-spout) is the trade term applied to the unit that is used to convey water or drainage from roof to ground level.

Conductor pipe is made in three styles: round corrugated, plain round, and square corrugated. The style of conductor used with any type of gutter is largely a matter of preference or choice. In northern areas the round corrugated pipe is preferred as it allows for contraction and expansion. The plain pipe is most generally used in the south, due mainly to the climatic conditions.

To lengthen the life of conductor pipe, paint the inside with timer's red oxide paint. Outside surface should also be painted. To paint the inside, it is necessary to pour paint in one slightly raised end and slowly turn the pipe as the paint flows toward the lower end.

Do not expect a conductor pipe of moderate size to drain an extra large roof area. Experience proves that one square inch of pipe will drain 125 square feet of roof area or 150 square feet of fairly flat roof area. As most roofs have good slopes the following rules will usually serve as a satisfactory guide:

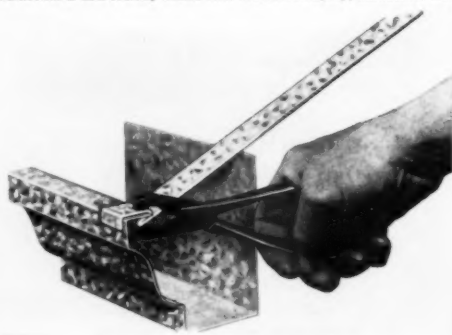
Provide one conductor pipe, three inches in diameter, for every 900 to 1,000 square feet of roof area. Example: For one side of roof slope 65 x 27 feet, multiply the length by the width, 65 feet by 27 feet. This equals 1,755 square feet of roof area. 1,755 is about double 900, which means that two conductor pipes, three inches in diameter, are required on each side of the building.

Conductor pipes should be located on the outside corners, at juncture of the hip and eave, rather than the inside corners, where, because of the juncture of valley and eave, the flow of water is concentrated. If possible, the conductor should never be placed at the northeast corners of the building in the colder climates because of the danger of freezing.

Rain carrying equipment must be free to expand and contract with changes in temperatures. This can be done by allowing one length of gutter to lap the next in the direction in which the water is flowing.

To prolong the life of rain carrying equipment, obstructions such as leaves, rubbish and bird nests should be removed regularly. Wear is not occasioned by fast running water but rather from acids contained in rotting leaves, fine ash and dirt found in stagnant water. The life of gutters may be extended by painting them occasionally.

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Square head hanger being applied



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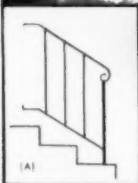
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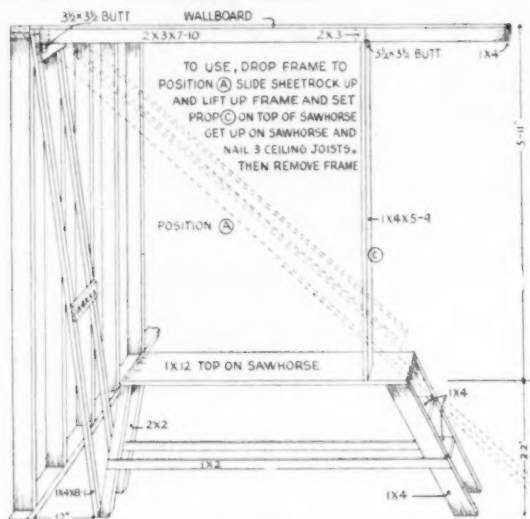
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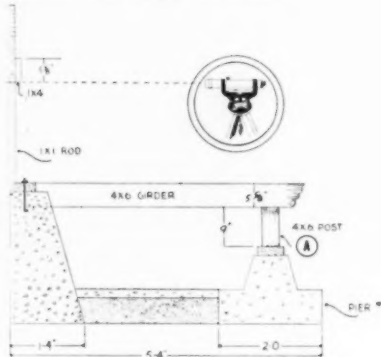
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How to Make a Wallboard Lifter



Submitted by J. G. Caldwell, San Mateo, Calif.

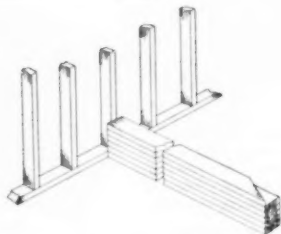
How to Set Level for Posts



To get length of Post (A) at pier No. 1 set up level. Then cut 1x4 piece to depth of girder which is 5 1/2 inches. Nail 1x4 to 1x1 inch rod so H.L. is at bottom of 1x4. Tack rule to rod as shown and move rod over to pier No. 1 and note length of post A which should read 9 inches through instrument. Now the length of all other posts on job may be taken and read directly through level.
—J. G. Caldwell, San Mateo, Calif.

How to Make Bevel Cuts on Joists

For making a bevel cut on ceiling joists to match the rafters, stack the joists on top of each other and butt them all against the stud wall. The power saw will cut through the first board and will also mark the next board below.—A. L. Bunker, Baldwin Park, Calif.



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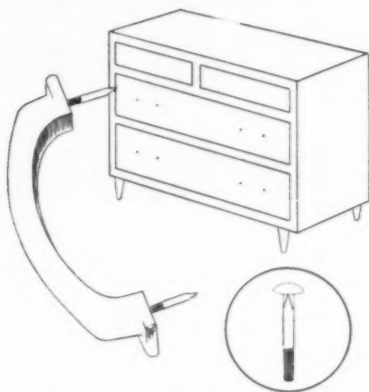
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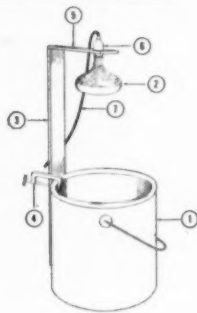
How would you do it? *Ideas for the man on the job*

How to Mark Cabinet Doors



For marking cabinet doors and drawers for the reception of hardware, take two of the bolts from hardware, cut off the head and file to a sharp point. Screw the remainder of the bolt into the hardware and mark. The spacing will be perfect.—A. L. Bunker, Baldwin Park, Calif.

How to Warm Cement Glue



Cement glues used in laying linoleum, acoustical tile, and any other such surfaces, need continual warming in cool weather for the best results, especially where large projects are being worked. The most satisfactory way of doing this is with a heat lamp.

The heat lamp (2) is mounted above the cement pail (1) at a height so the contents can readily be removed. A horizontal stick (5) holds the lamp socket (6). The socket may either be tied to the stick or mounted in a hole drilled in the stick. Horizontal stick (5) is nailed or screwed at a right angle to vertical stick (3). The lower end of vertical stick (3) is clamped tightly to the outside of the cement pail (1) with C clamp (4). Thus the stick and lamp setup can easily be moved from one pail to another by simply removing the C clamp. A long extension cord makes it easy to move this setup around.—Warren Howe, Longview, Wash.

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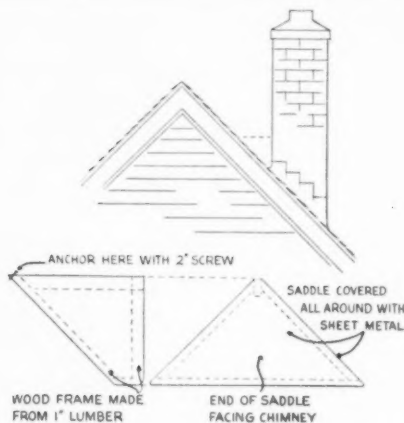
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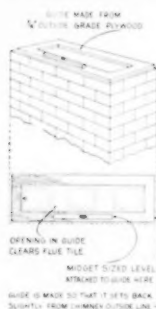


Some chimneys are built without a saddle at the upper side of roof. As a result, snow and ice will remain packed in this area for a long time. This is not good for the roof.

This situation can be corrected by using the method described here and shown in sketch above, which does not require the roof to be disturbed in any way. The frame for the saddle may be made of one-inch-thick material and built on the roof to the size required. It is then covered all around with sheet metal which is nailed on the frame.

The saddle is anchored to the roof with a long screw at the top which permits easy removal if painting or other repairs need to be done.—Arthur N. Nelson, Kansas City.

Plywood Guide Simplifies Chimney Job



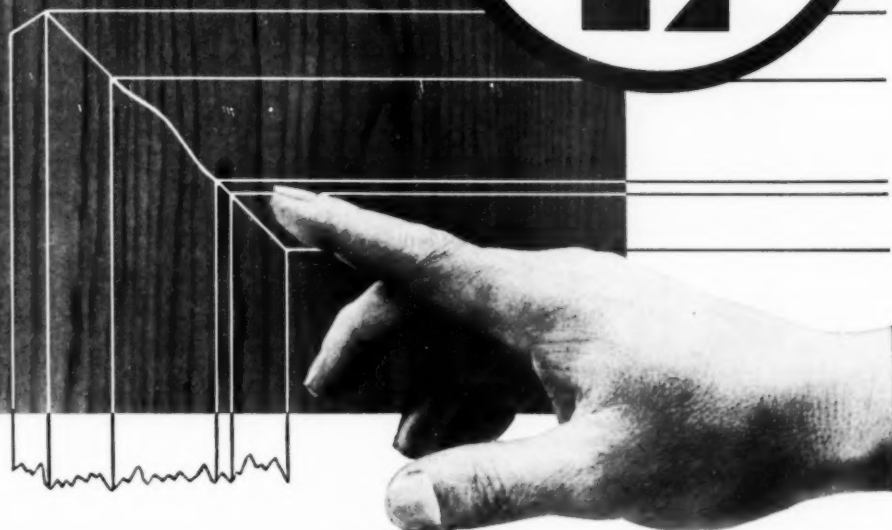
When building a large sized chimney it is easier to keep a check on each course of brick laid by using the type of guide shown in sketch made from $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch thick exterior grade plywood.

The guide is made to clear the flue tile in the center and also the guide lines at the outside of chimney. A small level is attached to one long side by means of screws on the underside. Keep the guide painted for easy removal of mortar.—Arthur N. Nelson, Kansas City, Mo.

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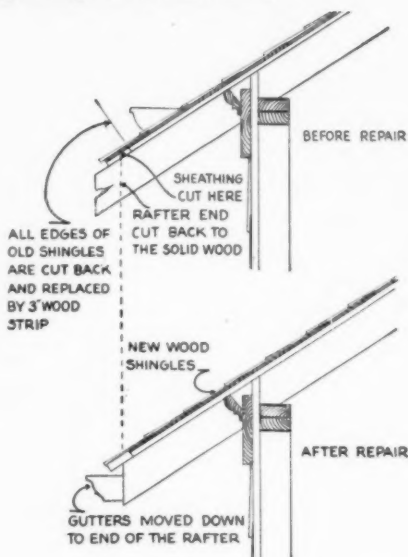
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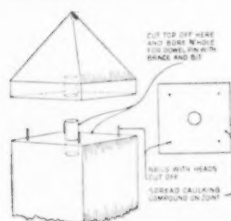
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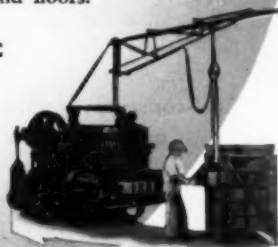
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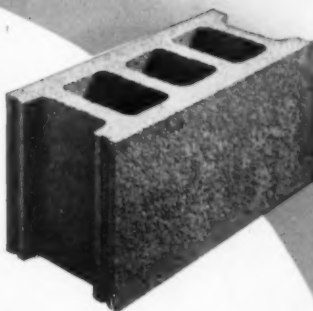
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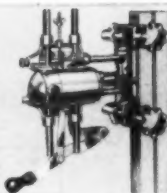
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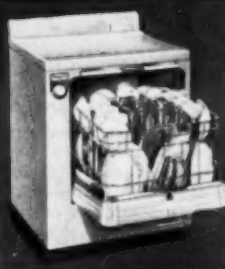
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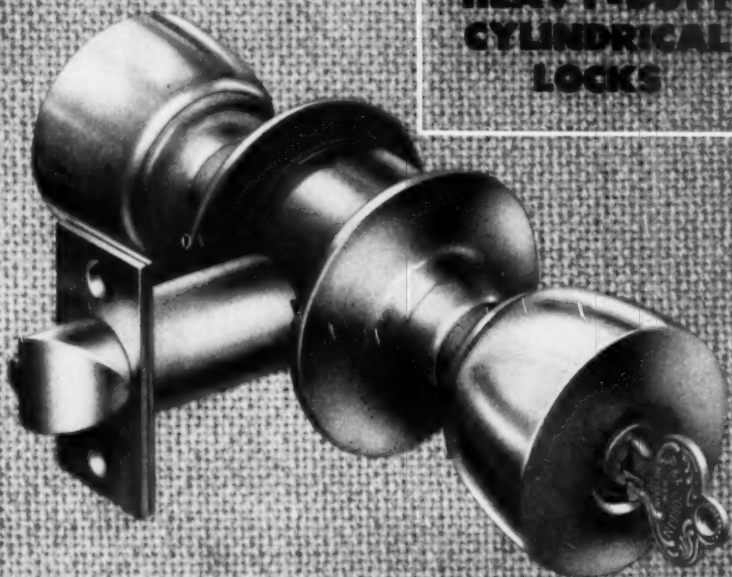
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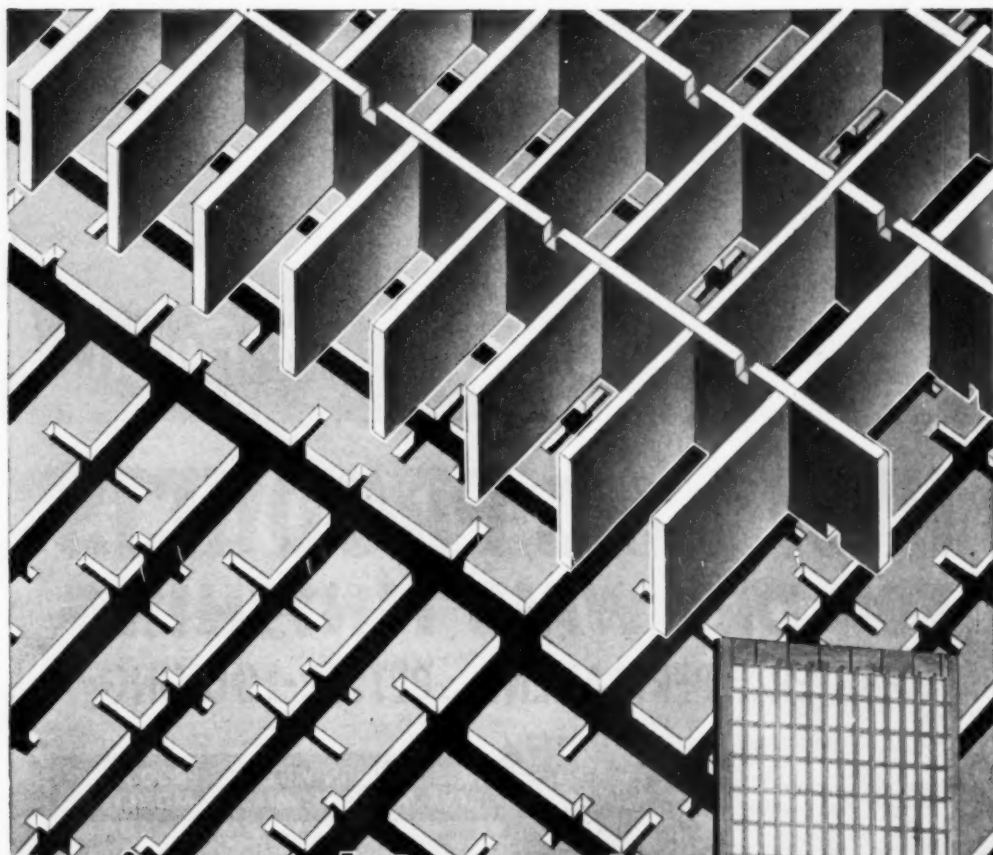
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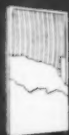
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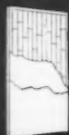
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Gutter Leaks

I have a building which is over 65 feet long with a gutter of the same length. The flange of the gutter is secured under the first row of shingles. The joints are soldered and are continually pulling apart with the change in temperature, consequently a leak develops at these points. Can you suggest a remedy?

S. D. M., Nicholasville, Ky.

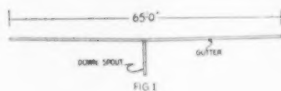


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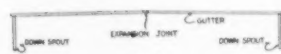


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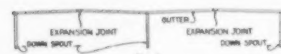


FIG 3

To properly analyze your problem it will be necessary to know the location of the downspouts in relation to the gutter. This is important because they determine the position of the expansion joint.

If there is a downspout at each end of the 65-foot-long gutter, then the center of the 65-foot length is the high point with each downspout serving 32½ feet of roof area. An expansion joint should be placed at the high point of the gutter. In the event that a downspout is placed in the center of the 65 foot long run, then the center of the run would be the low point of the gutter and consequently it would be impossible to place an expansion joint anywhere in the entire length. If this length of gutter is served by three downspouts,

one at each end and one in the center, then there would be two high spots in the length of the gutter. Consequently an expansion joint could be placed at each of the two high spots.

Judging from the fact that the joints are soldered and are continually pulling apart with the changes in temperature, it is safe to assume that the entire length of gutter is served by one downspout placed in the center of the 65 foot run, and that there are no expansion joints in the length of the gutter. This means that the joints would pull apart, as you have outlined in your letter.

The solution to this problem would be to provide more than one downspout to have a high spot in the length of gutter in which to place an expansion joint. The expansion joint should have a lap of at least one or one and one half inches and must not be soldered. Then place a metal cap over the expansion joint, not soldered. This method provides an opportunity for movement in the gutter without breaking joints.

What to Do About Crack Between Bathtub and Wall

Can you tell me what product to use to seal the crack which has appeared between the top of the bathtub and the base of the wall facing over the tub?

This crack allows water from the showerhead to seep through the crack and to cause dampness behind the tub. These cracks are common occurrences but I do not know what is used as a crack filler which is exposed to periodic wetting. Have you any suggestions?

J. R. McK., Washington, D.C.

Plastic or caulking material can

be used in a case of this kind. However, it is difficult to get an even, neat line between the end of the tile and the base of the tub. In preference to the caulking method, we suggest that you contact one of the larger linoleum stores in your city and obtain a tub cove sealer. This is made of plastic or rubber. It is a neat cove arrangement that fits into the crack with a feather edge at contact of tile and tub. There is enough play in the cove to take care of the slight increase in the height of the crack opening.

Squeaky Floors

We have a customer who has a squeaky floor in his house. The subfloor which is shiplap is laid straight across the joints with Masonite underlayment. Linoleum is placed over the Masonite. In a part of the house which is carpeted, there is no squeak.

B. H., Clinton, Iowa

Squeaky floors are often caused by improper nailing of the subflooring. They might also be caused by an excessive joist span. It is almost impossible to provide a remedy for this condition without nailing directly through the finish flooring, which in this case, is linoleum. It might be possible to drive a finish nail through the linoleum into the subflooring and countersink the head of nail. Then fill the top of the nail hole with a colored composition that will harden and conform to the color of the linoleum. Otherwise it will be necessary to remove the linoleum entirely, reraise the subflooring and apply a new linoleum floor.

Dampproofing Walls

While I am familiar with normal house construction, a friend has presented me with a special problem. He wishes to build a printing shop and office in a northern Alberta (Canada) town, and has asked me to contract it.

The building will be 33 x 105 feet long, full concrete basement with concrete blocks above first floor level. My friend wished to have two suites in the basement plus storerooms. On the main floor will be shops and offices. Expense must be kept to a minimum.

As the suites may be removed after a year, he stresses economy. Would you consider it practicable to dampproof the walls and floors of the suites and finish directly on the concrete?

It is proposed to plaster directly on the concrete blocks in the shop section.

In the office area he wishes the walls to be finished with plywood. I am recommending furring strips fastened with power-driven studs.

Would you think that the heat loss would be materially diminished by filling the cavities of the concrete block walls with Rockwool? I hope that you will be able to help me on these points.

H. E. B., Moose Jaw, Sask., Canada

I believe it will be necessary to take all possible precautions against moisture infiltration in the exterior walls of a building located in an area as far north as this one will be. Under no circumstance would it be feasible to plaster directly on the inside of the masonry walls. It would be economy in the long run to furr the inside of all exterior walls before applying lath or plaster, regardless of what portion of the building it may be. In addition to the furring strips, it would be well to apply a moisture barrier on the furring strips before the application of the lath and plaster. This should be done in the office area where plywood is to be used for the finish wall surface.

Frankly not very much is accomplished in the way of reducing heat loss in a concrete block by filling the cavities with insulation material. The air cells in the blocks form an insulating area. The greatest heat loss in a wall of this type occurs in the joints where the mortar bed conducts the cold directly from the outside to the inside face of the wall.

Computing by the Square Foot Method

I appreciate the information that you gave me in a previous letter in regard to square foot costs, but I would like to know if these figures include basements, concrete block foundations, or concrete blocks. Will you please give me this additional information?

A. K. F., Somerset, Ky.

Square foot costs are usually applied to the one-story ranch type house that is placed on a concrete slab with perimeter walls extending below the assumed frost line in the particular area in which you are contemplating building. It is also assumed that when calculating by the square foot method, that the roof pitch will not exceed 5-12. If a basement is contemplated and a steeper roof is used, then the cubic foot method should be employed. Comparable cubic foot costs should run approximately 75 cents per cubic foot.

Single and Double Siding? What is the Difference?

Can you please tell me the structural difference between a frame house with single siding, and a frame house with double siding? Does wood sheathing and clapboards constitute single or double siding? Thank you for your trouble.

R. E. F., Winthrop, Mass.

I have never heard the term "double siding" used in connection with the frame wall of a house. As a rule, siding is the exterior surface application which is applied to the sheathing on the exterior walls. This siding can consist of a number of different materials such as beveled wood siding, shingle siding, asbestos board siding, plywood siding, vertical boards that serve as siding, and many other types. All of these are applied directly to a nominal one-inch thickness of sheathing which is applied to the studs. This would be considered a normal type of frame wall construction.

In the case of a residential garage building or similar structures the exterior siding is usually applied directly to the studs without any sheathing. In some areas this might be construed to be a single siding job, whereas the application of the sheathing and siding could then be referred to as a double siding installation.

Framing a Garage

I am about to construct a three-car frame garage with a flat roof, the roof to be used as a sun deck. This deck will be of one-inch pine boards with an overlay of 3/4 inch hardboard. This is to be covered with a prepared duck and painted. The building will be 20 x 32 feet. I want a double garage and a single garage without a post. What size wood beam will I need for this span? The live load will be 30 pounds and the dead load 25 pounds. Joist will be 2 x 10's—16 inches o.c. with two lines of bridging. Thanks.

J. T., Dallas, Texas

The beam in question should be not less than 6 x 18 inches and should be placed under the roof rafters in the center of the 20-foot width running parallel with the 32-foot length. A 6 x 6 inch wood post should be placed under the beam at the exterior wall line and also between the double and single garage. A 6 x 12 inch wood beam would be required

across the 20-foot garage door opening to support the roof rafters and the load above.

Squeaky Stairs

A house built about 25 years ago has stairs from the first to the second floor which squeak badly. All attempts to locate and stop the squeaks have failed. The attached sketch shows the general construction. The stringers are spaced about 39 inches apart. The underside of the stairs are sealed by plaster in the stairwell leading to the basement.

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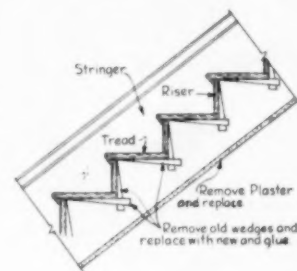
Molding removed, no affect.

Oak risers wedged to sideboard . . . no affect.

Oil-soaked felt wedged between back of tread and bottom of riser . . . no affect.

What do you recommend? Your answer will be appreciated.

E. L. B., Niagara Falls, N.Y.



From your description of the stair, and judging from the various efforts that have been applied, it would appear that release from this condition cannot be obtained by working from the top-side of the stair, but rather it will be necessary to remove the plaster and begin to work from the underside.

You mention that the stringers are spaced 39 inches apart. This is three inches greater than the maximum span that is recommended. It would help the stair a great deal if an additional stringer were placed in the center of the span. This will eliminate any possibility of sagging taking place in the stair treads.

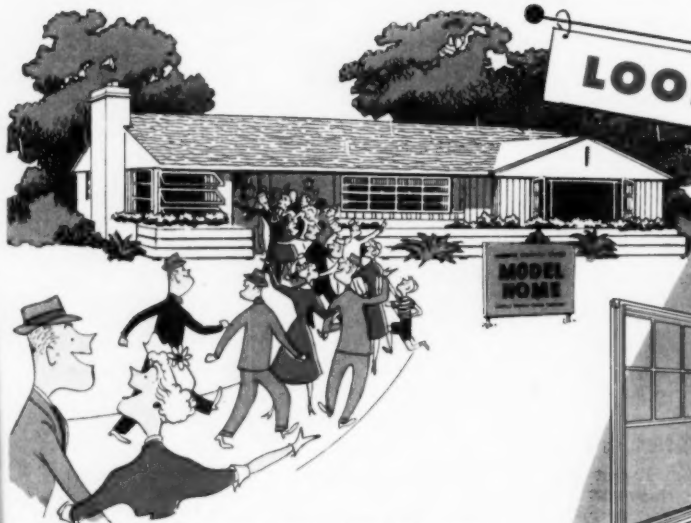
The wedges that you refer to should not be placed from the top-side of stair, but should be installed from the underside between the tread and riser and the stringer. The plaster on the soffit that has to be removed can be replaced with 1/2 inch plaster-board. If these recommendations are followed the squeaking of the stairs should be eliminated.



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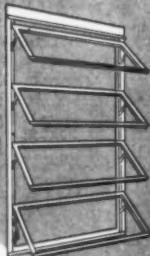
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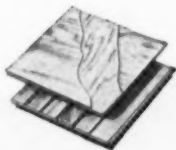
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September 14-21

American Builder Announces Its 1952 National Home Week Contest

For NAHB Chapters
For Retail Lumber Dealers

Winners in each group will be honored by *American Builder* for outstanding organization and conduct of National Home Week Programs in cities and towns of all sizes

THE fifth annual National Home Week, September 14 to 21 this year, will outstrip its predecessors in every way. Originally proposed by *American Builder's* Editor, Ed Gavin, National Home Week was endorsed and sponsored immediately by the National Association of Home Builders in 1948. In that year about 50 of the Association's local chapters conducted National Home Week programs. So great was the public response that more chapters joined the 1949 celebration, and National Home Week became an institution.

Last year, retail lumber dealers in smaller cities and towns instituted dozens of local National Home Week programs with such salutary results that hundreds more will participate this year. National Home Week is an official program of the National Retail Lumber Dealers Association and the National Association of Real Estate Boards. In the smaller cities and towns where no local organization of home building factors exists, retail lumber dealers, with yards and retail stores as focal points, are spearheading coordinated programs including local home builders and realtors.

REASONS FOR THE CONTESTS

In sponsoring the contests jointly with the National Association of Home Builders and the National Retail Lumber Dealers Association, *American Builder's* editors seek to offer incentives for:

1. Participation this year by hundreds of additional cities and towns of all sizes, including the smallest villages.
2. Encouraging local retailers, builders and realtors to obtain greater active cooperation from churches, women's clubs, parent-teacher organizations, veterans' societies, service clubs, schools and youth organizations.

American Builder's editors believe that the home building industry has a unique and unparalleled opportunity to serve the nation's social interests as well as its economic interests. That opportunity lies in displaying the advantages of home ownership, and the comforts afforded by modern materials and appliances.

It was to encourage these displays, and to do them dramatically in one single week in every section of the country that National Home Week was instituted.

TWO CONTESTS - Mail Your Entry Blank Today! ▶

CONTEST A

For local affiliated chapters of National Association of Home Builders

THE National Association of Home Builders has divided its approximately 200 local chapters into four groups, based on size of membership. Group 1 includes those chapters with more than 250 members as of January 1, 1952. Group 2 includes chapters with 100 to 249 members; Group 3, 50 to 100 members; and Group 4, less than 50 members.

There will be two awards for the winner in each of the four groups. One of these awards will be given to the chapter in the name of the executive secretary and the president. The other award will be given to the chairman of the chapter's National Home Week committee. Thus, there will be a total of eight awards, two for the winning chapter in each group.

The awards will be made first at the annual convention and exposition of the National Association of Home Builders in Chicago next January. Each of the four winning chapters will be asked to arrange a special community-wide meeting later. At that meeting the awards will be made locally. It is suggested that to these local meetings, the chapter invite civic leaders, newspaper representatives, heads of non-industry cooperating groups, and others.

The awards will be scrolls appropriately framed and ready for mounting on a wall at home or in an office.

HOW TO ENTER

Just write to NHW CONTEST EDITOR, AMERICAN BUILDER, 79 WEST MONROE ST., CHICAGO 3, ILLINOIS, and ask for an entry blank. There is, of course, no charge or obligation of any kind. ALL NAHB chapters are eligible. The entry blank is simple, will require less than two minutes to fill out. Its purpose is to provide *American Builder*, National Association of Home Builders, and the board of judges with an idea of approximately the number of entries to be expected.

All entries must be postmarked not later than October 15.

Awards will be made on the basis of the presentation. Most important points for consideration will be: (a) scope of community participation; (b) quality of promotional and publicity material; (c) general over-all design and appearance of the houses displayed; (d) type of news-

paper advertising; (e) actual results obtained—sales made, prospects developed, number of visitors compared to total population; (f) unusual display angles; (g) equipment and furnishings of houses; (h) success of local essay and other contests; (i) completeness of entry.

Entries should include names of non-industry organizations participating; names of newspapers cooperating with samples of issues in which National Home Week editorial or advertising material appears; copies of radio scripts; copies, if possible, of sermons used by the clergy on National Home Week Sunday; photos of directional and on-the-job signs; samples of handout literature, mailing pieces or premiums offered; samples, copies, photographs or descriptions of anything pertinent or interesting.

CONTEST B

For individual retail lumber dealers in cities where there are no chapters of the National Association of Home Builders

THIS is for individual retail lumber dealers. It is open to all recognized retail lumber and building material dealers. To give every dealer a chance to win an award regardless of the size of the community in which his yard is located, entries will be classified in four groups according to the size of the city or town. Group 1 will include dealers in towns of 35,000 population and up. Group 2, towns with populations between 10,000 and 35,000; Group 3, towns with populations between 2,500 and 10,000; Group 4, towns with populations less than 2,500.

In the case of an individually-owned lumber yard, the award will go to the owner or the manager. Since, in most cases, winning such an award will require the cooperation of one or more of the dealer's builder customers, or a realtor, or the head of some civic body, the winning dealer in each class may designate a cooperator to whom he thinks a companion award should be made. In the case of a branch yard of a line yard company, the award will go to the yard manager. Another award will go to the headquarters office of the line yard company. And, the winning yard manager may designate a local cooperator to whom he believes a third award should be made. As in the case of the individually-owned yard, the winning line yard manager probably will designate a local builder, local realtor, or possibly local civic leader.

The awards will be made at the 1952 annual convention

ENTRY BLANK - CONTEST A

I wish to enter Chapter in the
American Builder—National Association of Home Builders' National
Home Week Contest. It is understood that you will send me a complete
copy of the rules governing the contest within a few days.

Name of Secretary

Name of President

Name of National Home Week Committee Chairman

Association Address

**Contest
A
Entry
Blank**



of the state or regional retail dealer association to which the dealer belongs. It is suggested here, as in the case of Contest A, that following the convention, the dealer hold a local meeting in his town at which the award will be made again. This is not mandatory, and is not a condition to accepting the award for winning.

The awards will be scrolls appropriately framed for hanging on the wall of the winner's home or office.

HOW TO ENTER

Just write to **NHW CONTEST EDITOR, AMERICAN BUILDER, 79 W. MONROE ST., CHICAGO 3, ILL.**, and ask for an entry blank. There is, of course, no charge or obligation of any kind, and you do not have to be a subscriber to *American Builder*. All dealers are eligible. The entry blank is simple, will require less than two minutes to fill out. Its purpose is to provide *American Builder*, National Retail Lumber Dealers Association, the state or regional association and the board of judges with an approximate idea of the number of entries to be expected.

All entries must be postmarked not later than October 15.

BASIS FOR AWARDS

Awards will be made on the basis of the presentation. Be sure to include photographs and plans of the houses demonstrated. In case no house was demonstrated and the entire program was held in the retail lumber yard, obtain photographs of the yard as it was prepared for the Week. Consideration in judging will be given to (a) scope of community participation—non-industry organizations cooperating; (b) quality of promotional and publicity material; (c) general over-all design and appearances of houses displayed, or manner in which lumber yard was dressed up for the Week; (d) type of newspaper advertising; (e) actual results obtained—sales made, prospects developed, number of visitors compared to population; (f) unusual display angles; (g) equipment and furnishings of houses, if houses are used; (h) success of local essay and other contests; (i) completeness of entry.

Be sure to include with entries: names of organizations cooperating; names of newspapers cooperating and samples of issues with National Home Week editorial or advertising material; copies of radio scripts used; samples of all other material used, such as sermons in churches; photos of directional and on-the-job signs; samples of handout literature, mailing pieces and premiums offered. Be sure not to overlook anything pertinent to the success of your National Home Week Program.

Contest B Entry Blank



1951 CONTEST WINNERS

NAHB CHAPTERS THAT WON AWARDS

- First Prize—Group No. I**
Minneapolis Home Builders Association
- First Prize—Group No. II**
Home Builders Association of Des Moines
- First Prize—Group No. III**
Wichita Association of Home Builders
- First Prize—Group No. IV**
Grand Rapids Home Builders Association
- Unclassified Award**
Long Island Home Builders Institute, Inc.

HONORABLE MENTION

- Group I**
Home Builders Assn. of Metropolitan Washington
Milwaukee Builders Association
Chicago Metropolitan Home Builders Association

- Group II**
Marion County Residential Builders, Inc. (Indianapolis)
Homes Builders Institute (Los Angeles)
Home Builders Association of Spokane
Home Builders Association of Hartford County, Inc. (Hartford, Conn.)

- Group III**
Tacoma Master Builders Association
Texas Panhandle Home Builders Association (Amarillo)
Home Builders Association of Greater New Haven

LUMBER DEALER AWARD WINNERS

- First Prize—Group No. I**
Coman Lumber Co., Durham, N.C.
- First Prize—Group No. II**
H. H. Troup Lumber Co., Kankakee, Ill.
- First Prize—Group No. III**
El Monte Lumber and Fuel Co., Elma, Wash.
- First Prize—Group No. IV**
New Athens Lumber Co., New Athens, Ill.

ENTRY BLANK - CONTEST B

I wish to enter the in the American
(company name)

Builder—National Retail Lumber Dealer Association's National Home Week Contest. It is understood that you will send me a complete copy of the rules governing the contest within a few days.

Name of Proprietor

Name of Manager (if line yard branch)

Address of Headquarter's Office (if line yard branch)

Name of Chief Officer (if line yard branch)

Address of your yard



Two plane flat roof, entryway, and porch, highlight the exterior

Front Cover House Features Comfort and Convenience for Two



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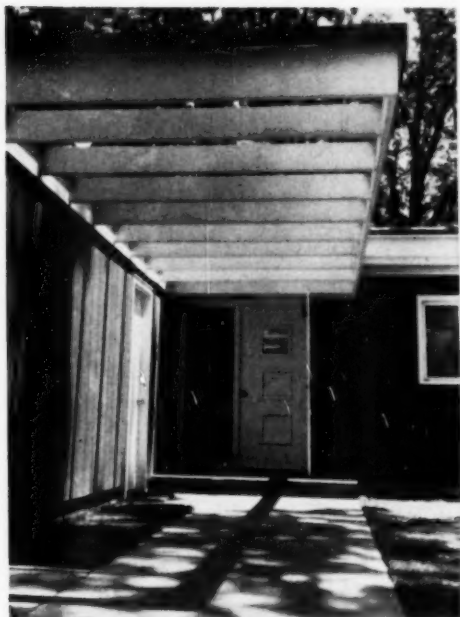
Ottawa, Illinois

ARCHITECT:

Louis H. Gerding

BUILDER:

Charles H. Eichelkraut and Son



Open canopy, recessed door with look-through mirror, corrugated glass panel lend distinction to entrance. Note garage door at left



Porch louvers break view from adjacent busy street. Porch floor is a scored concrete slab. Continuous vent is under soffit

THIS contemporary, designed for two persons, features a free standing storage wall, a space saving kitchen heating unit, porch louvers, for privacy, and a sheltered entrance.

The free standing storage wall here has glass between the cabinet top and the ceiling. The $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch plate glass is held in place by $\frac{1}{2}$ x1-inch stops fastened to a plaster ground. The 18-inch wide storage unit includes book shelves, storage cabinets, and space for card tables.

The full cabinet kitchen did not have a free wall for the installation of hot water baseboard heating. This problem was solved by using a special custom designed convector housing unit located behind the stove which

sets in an island. The unit is covered by a metal grill formed to the shape of the stove back. The flat topped frame is used to heat dishes prior to serving.

The screened porch, fronting on one of the town's busiest residential streets, was louvered for privacy. The louvers were made from 2x10's set in a 45-degree mortised top and bottom

plate. The faces of the louvers are cut to 45 degrees.

Translucent glass at left side of the doorway lights the interior foyer. A look-through mirror permits only one-way sight—from the interior—as a safety feature. The entrance was further enhanced by extensions of the garage roof joists in an open frame pattern.



Kitchen range backs up to grill work housing heating convector. Housewife can warm dishes on the frame work before serving



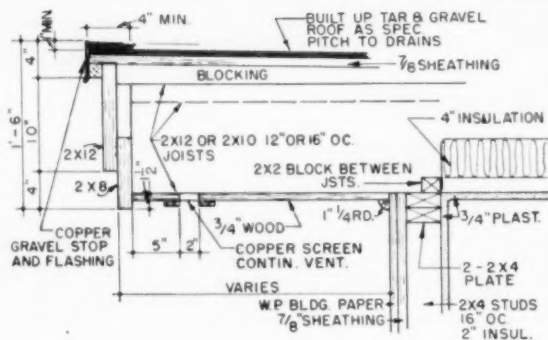
Living room side of free standing storage wall utilizes glass overhead as a tie-in to the ceiling



Den side of storage wall contains bookshelves, linen closet and general storage space

BRAND NAME PRODUCTS USED

Barber-Calman garage door	Minneapolis-Honeywell heating controls
Cobots redwood stain	National Fireproofing clay tile
Crane hot water heater, furnace and plumbing fixtures	Sargent hardware
Formica kitchen counter surface	St. Charles kitchen cabinets
Kentile asphalt tile	Libbey-Owens-Ford Thermopane
	United States Gypsum lath

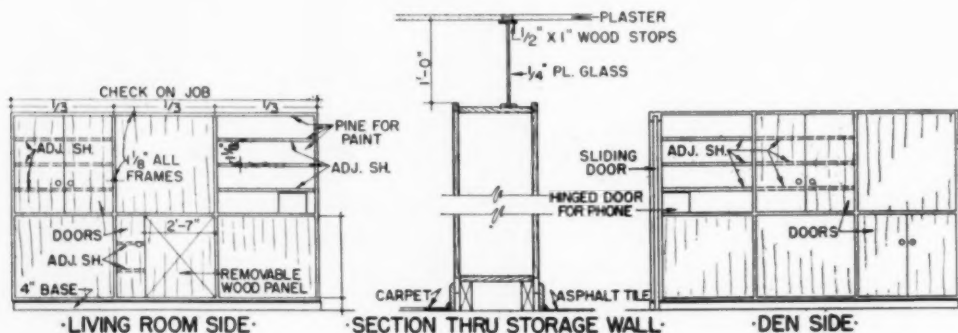


CORNICE DETAIL

Cornice detail shows fascia construction, drip cap, and the continuous vent



Entrance to den side of storage wall forms frame for sliding door, includes card table storage space



•LIVING ROOM SIDE•

•SECTION THRU STORAGE WALL•

•DEN SIDE•

Detail of storage wall



Winchester-Hood apartments in process of construction

Mutual Ownership Apartments

How they were financed by a Chicago group

The first of two articles

OUTSTANDING in Chicago apartment construction since 1945 is the achievement of a mutual-development, mutual-ownership activity that has already resulted in 11 projects containing 2,292 dwelling units in various stages of progress, and valued at around 20 million dollars. The activity is significant because it is based upon well-defined principles of sound financing, construction, and good family and community environment.

The Community Development Trust, created and headed by Henry K. Holsman, Chicago architect, is the instrument of ownership whereby thousands of families have acquired housing security and good living. Holsman, Holsman, Klekamp and Taylor, Chicago architectural organization, devote their capabilities almost entirely to designing and constructing the mutually-owned projects.

Mutual ownership begins with mutual desire for good living security. Each prospective owner agrees to

place funds equal to the proportionate equity cost of the project in a trust and authorizes the trustees to acquire the property and construct the buildings. He also applies for an apartment lease, and at the same time he agrees to join with others and to solicit others to join in the acquisition, development, and ownership of the specified real estate.

Lease applications are carefully screened to obtain responsible and congenial tenancy. Accepted applicants then subscribe to the trust agreement and deposit their money in the trust, receiving from the trustees a negotiable certificate of shares showing the value of interest in the trust estate as provided in the trust agreement. This certificate is personal property and may be pledged or sold without restriction. However, possession of ownership does not, as in the case of more widely known co-operative ownership plans, entitle the holder to tenancy in any particular apartment, or in any apartment at all. Leases for apartments are negotiated

with owners in accordance with highest leasing standards, and this insures continuance of desirable tenancy and also enables tenants to change living quarters if space more suited to changing family needs is available.

Changing apartments does not affect the participant's certificate of ownership, and apartments may also be sublet for a maximum of two years at any price without affecting ownership. Trustees, in fact, have power to terminate a lease for cause—such as failure to meet monthly payments—but cannot force sale of ownership certificates. However, at the end of two years of non-occupancy, the trustees are empowered to call in a certificate of ownership interest at book value for resale to a prospective tenant-owner. This provision guards against any possibility of a project falling into the hands of "absentee-ownership" through the years.

Monthly payments by tenant-owners take the place of rents, and are based upon the owner's share of operating and service costs, insurance,

TYPICAL BREAKDOWN OF DEVELOPMENT COST

Number of Mutual Owners	840
Approximate Cost of Development	\$6,000,000.
Mortgage	3,900,000.
Equity (owned by all 840)	2,100,000.
Individual Share	2,500.

HOW MEMBERSHIP MAY BE ACQUIRED:

1. \$2,500. in cash.
2. Down payment of \$ 750.
 Promissory note of 750. due when construction begins.
 Promissory note of 1,000. payable in monthly installments of \$25.00, with interest at 5%
3. Down payment of 750.
 Promissory note of 1,750. payable in monthly payments of \$25.00, with interest at 5%

WHEN THE SHAREHOLDER MOVES INTO THE COMPLETED PROJECT:

1. He pays no rent, properly speaking; he is, in this respect, his own landlord.
2. Instead, he makes monthly payments of approximately \$50.00, which include operating costs, maintenance costs and mortgage payments.
3. The breakdown of the monthly payments is:

\$50.00	{	Insurance	{	
		Taxes		
		Management fees		
		Fuel, Light & Gas		
		Janitor Service & Supplies		
		Property maintenance		
		Repairs		
		Replacement reserves		
		Average on interest		7.00
		Average Equity Earnings		14.00
		\$50.00	TOTAL	

INCREASING VALUE OF THE INDIVIDUAL SHARE:

Original Investment	\$2,500.
Increased Equity in 10 Years	1,000.
Increased Equity in 20 Years	4,000.
Book Value of Shares in 10 Years—\$2,500. + \$1,000.	3,500.
Book Value of Shares in 20 Years—\$2,500. + \$4,000.	6,500.

VALUE OF SHARES IN EMERGENCIES—AS EXPLAINED TO MUTUAL OWNERS:

!!! DISASTER HITS THE HOME !!!

★ LOSS OF JOB ★

★ SICKNESS ★

★ DEATH ★

KEEP YOUR OWNERSHIP
Use it as a security for a loan

KEEP YOUR OWNERSHIP
Live out part of your equity

KEEP YOUR OWNERSHIP
Sub-lease; keep difference between monthly payment and rent obtained from Lessor

SELL YOUR OWNERSHIP
To an individual or to the Trust

BEQUEATH YOUR OWNERSHIP
by will, or let it pass to your heirs in case of death

maintenance, taxes, interest on mortgage and amortization. Experience has shown that these monthly payments on properties developed under the Community Development Trust have run about 60 per cent less than for private homes of comparable quality on comparable sites, and substantially below market value of the space rented.

There are seven managing trustees, for whom Henry K. Holsman is executive secretary. The Trust Company of Chicago serves as corporate trustee. A separate trust is set up for each project, and a management committee of tenant-owners is appointed for each project, subject to jurisdiction of the managing trustees over all policy matters. It is the policy of the Trust to include mutual-owners on the board of managing trustees at such time as the project has progressed to the point of more or less routine operation.

The first six developments under the Community Development Trust were completed between 1923 and



Typical top floor apartment in the Winchester-Hood

1929. In the following disastrous depression years, these projects rode safely through the storms that tossed billions of dollars worth of apartment buildings into bankruptcy and receiverships. In the 20 years or more since the developments were completed, only nine shareholders in all of the projects failed to keep up their payments and surrendered their shares. In only one of these cases was forcible eviction necessary. Furthermore, a postwar market analysis revealed that the market value of three of those first projects was greater then, after more than two decades of use, than the original cost of the projects, and that the market value of the other three was only slightly below the original cost. The largest of the pre-depression projects is now clear of debt and tenant-owners now occupy apartments for the cost of maintenance and operation only.

A tested and sound financing plan

AMERICAN BUILDER

is just one phase of the complete development program. Cost-saving construction operations are vitally important to the success of the program, too. Mutual owners secure the savings of "wholesale" construction which results in economical building costs. Comparison of construction costs reveals many examples where building costs for high-grade apartments are well below costs on public housing projects built on a mass scale with public funds.

The architects for the Community Development Trust projects work on a fee basis directly in the interests of the owner-occupants. The mortgagee is thus assured that the project will be acceptable to the owners when it is completed.

When plans for the Winchester-

Hood project in Chicago were drawn by the Holsman organization in 1946, fixed rentals for the four and one-half to six-room apartments were set by the FHA at \$80.50 to \$97.50 per month. Construction costs were on the upgrade at the time, but the apartments were so economically built that the tenant owners were soon paying \$30 less per apartment than the ceiling that was set by the FHA when

they engaged in the mutual-development project.

The total cost per apartment of this first Winchester-Hood division, including land, fees, and construction was approximately \$8,550. Each owner paid down \$2,850, one-third of the total cost of his equity. A million-dollar mortgage completed the initial financing. Approximately \$20 a month of each tenant's monthly payment is paid on the principal, and the mortgage will have been paid off after 25 years of mutual ownership activity. Tenants pay over-all monthly costs, including mortgage retirement, of only \$50.50 to \$67.50 for desirable apartments. After the twenty-fifth year of operation, the tenants will pay only enough to cover actual operating and maintenance costs.

The cost-saving construction methods used by the Community Development Trust in building its apartment projects will be discussed in detail in the second of these two articles.

CONSTRUCTION COSTS

	WINCHESTER & HOOD	WIN-HOOD EXT. "A"	WIN-HOOD EXT. "B"	WIN-HOOD EXT. "C"
	164 Units 806 Rooms 8—4 Story Bldgs. 3—5 Story Bldgs.	116 Units 592 Rooms 4—4 Story Bldgs. 3—5 Story Bldgs.	72 Units 360 Rooms 3—4 Story Bldgs. 2—5 Story Bldgs.	244 Units 1224 Rooms 3—4 Story Bldgs. 7—5 Story Bldgs.
Construction Period	1946-1948	1948-1950	1949-1951	1951-1953
General Trades	\$927,267.	\$728,509.	\$490,271.	\$1,522,804.
Mechanic Trades	\$280,310.	\$201,230.	\$119,861.	\$494,344.
Site Impvt. & Landscape	\$10,187.	\$20,267.	\$17,089.	\$54,656.
Total	\$1,217,764.	\$950,006.	\$627,221.	\$2,071,804.
Average Cost of Const.— per UNIT	\$7,425.	\$8,198.	\$8,711.	\$8,490.
per ROOM	\$1,512.	\$1,607.	\$1,742.	\$1,691.
per SQ. FT.	\$7.34.	\$7.84	\$9.06	\$8.55
per CU. FT.	\$.764	\$.815	\$.880	\$.829
Land Cost— per UNIT	\$372.	\$701.	\$701.	\$922.
Rooms/Apt. (average)	4.9	5.1	5.0	5.07
4 1/2 Room Walk-up	56 Units @ 932.sf.	24 Units @ 943.sf.	16 Units @ 874.sf.	48 Units @ 878.sf.
5 1/2 Room Walk-up	48 Units @ 1064.sf.	32 Units @ 1078.sf.	16 Units @ 1025.sf.	56 Units @ 1020.sf.
4 1/2 Room Elevator	40 Units @ 1013.sf.	20 Units @ 1009.sf.	20 Units @ 918.sf.	70 Units 30 @ 918.sf. 40 @ 960.sf.
5 1/2 Room Elevator	20 Units @ 1099.sf.	40 Units @ 1095.sf.	20 Units @ 1022.sf.	70 Units 30 @ 1022.sf. 40 @ 1171.sf.
Area/Apt. (average)	1011.sf.	1045.sf.	961.sf.	994.sf.
Area/Room (average)	206.sf.	205.sf.	192.sf.	198.sf.
Cubage/Apt. (average)	9,722.cf.	10,047.cf.	9,897.cf.	10,237.cf.
Cubage/Room (average)	1,978.cf.	1,968.cf.	1,979.cf.	2,041.cf.

Construction cost chart for the Winchester-Hood



Builder's Office That Can Be Converted Into A Residence

REVERSING the common practice of utilizing a house for office space, this structure was designed for later conversion to residential use.

Hugh Bremerman, Indianapolis architect-builder, designed the structure with three separate areas. Conversion could change the drafting area into a kitchen-dining room, or a kitchen and bedroom. The center, general office area, could be a large modern living room with change, while a little remodeling could adapt the private offices to use as bedrooms.

The structure adequately meets the office needs of the builder. The exterior wall of the drafting room has large areas of glass block for even light. There is space for three drafting tables in the 13 by 18 foot room. The general office area is 15 by 15 feet and is separated from the waiting alcove by a large counter.

The builder's private office is 13 by 15 feet and includes a large conference table as well as the builder's desk. Storage space in this office houses sample materials used in selling. The other private office can be used for another executive of the company, or it may be rented to a realtor. Its entrance is such that clients need not go through the general office to reach it.

◀ Glass block walls give even illumination to the drafting room. Later conversion into kitchen-dining area or kitchen and bedroom is planned for this area

Counter separates waiting room alcove from the general office area. Space can be easily connected into a living room

Builder's private office has desk and conference table. Cabinets store his various selling tools. Later this office could be transformed into the master bedroom

Waiting room will be a part of the living room when structure is remodeled

AMERICAN BUILDER



Brick ledge between every two courses of insulated concrete block gives shadow line which emphasizes horizontal lines of the building

BRAND NAME PRODUCTS USED

American-Standard plumbing fixtures
Armstrong cork tile
Chrysler furnace and air conditioning unit
Johns-Manville shingles and insulation
Libbey-Owens-Ford glass block and double glazed window
Minneapolis-Hansywell heating controls
Supermatic hot water heater
Schlage hardware



PRESENT OFFICE PLAN

SCALE 0 5 10

Office plan includes two private offices, general office, waiting alcove, and drafting room



FUTURE HOME No. 1 — 3 BED ROOM

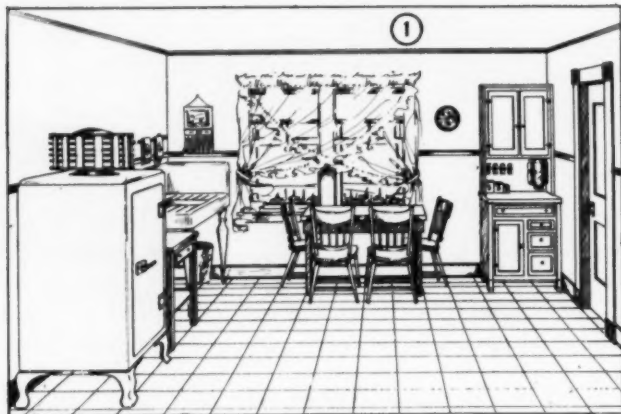
Three bedroom model has a smaller kitchen and bedroom in the drafting area. Other areas remain the same as in the two-bedroom plan



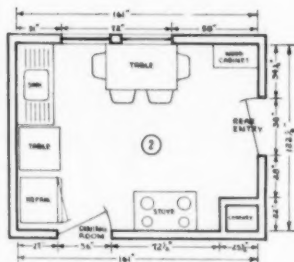
FUTURE HOME No. 2 — 2 BED ROOM

Proposed two bedroom remodeling plan changes drafting room into kitchen-dining area. The private offices change to bedrooms. General office area will be the living room

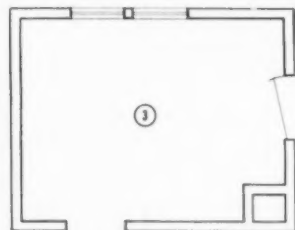
KITCHEN Remodeling



Kitchen furnishings and arrangement before remodeling



Layout of units before remodeling



Floor plan with all equipment removed

To modernize the "problem" kitchen, the builder must first arrange the three major work centers. For greatest convenience, he must then provide adequate storage space for food and cooking utensils that will be needed at each center.

In the example that is illustrated, the only structural change permitted by the customer was in raising window levels, when it was necessary.

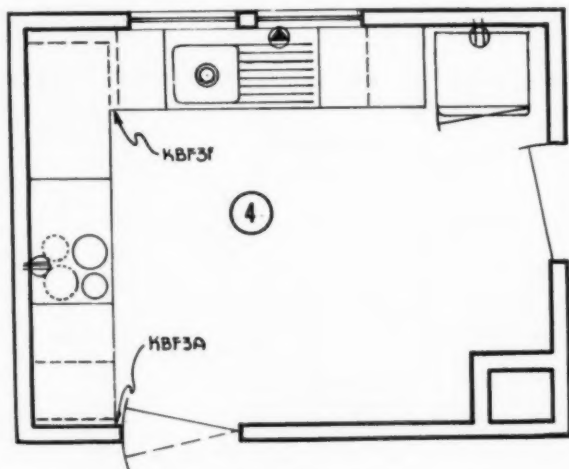
None of the walls or doors could be moved. In addition, the customer wanted to install a new 8-cubic-foot refrigerator with door hinged on the right, a dishwasher sink with garbage disposal unit, an automatic electric range, and an eating area for at least four people.

With all present equipment removed, (Fig. 3.) the three basic work centers for "storage," and "mix," and "cook," were easily arranged into an efficient, L-shaped kitchen plan.

Following standardized planning rules, the new refrigerator was placed at the right end of the window wall so it will open to counter work space. The position of new appliances is shown on Fig. 4. The dishwasher sink is placed next in line under the window to form the food preparation and clean-up center. Because the dishwasher sink backsplash was 40 to 43 inches high, the window level was raised to that height. To complete the recommended 1-2-3 arrangement, the new range was placed on the left return wall where it is convenient to both kitchen and dining room.

By using the space between the chimney and rear door for a large utility storage cabinet, the wall to the left of the chimney, shown in Fig. 5, is used for the new eating area.

A system developed by Hotpoint



Position of three basic work centers and base cabinets

Problem Solved

Inc., utilizes miniature appliances and cabinets that can be set in place on a scale model floor plan and re-arranged until a satisfactory work pattern is established.

Beginning with the empty kitchen, Fig. 3, parallel guide lines are lightly drawn 13 and 25 inches out from the walls along which equipment for the three work centers are placed—Fig. 6. These lines represent depth (front to back) of standard wall and base cabinets.

Each time the assembly of base cabinets and appliances turns a corner, 28 inches should be measured out from each wall to close off sufficient space for corner storage—Fig. 7. With this allowance, cabinet drawers will not interfere with oven doors, if the range happens to adjoin this section of the return wall.

When considering the base equipment used along the window wall, Fig. 5, there are three fixed dimensions—the 28-inch corner space, the 48-inch dishwasher sink, and 36 inches allowed for the refrigerator. By subtracting the total of 112 inches from the over-all dimension of 161 inches, the space available for cabinets is determined—in this case 49 inches.

By using a 15-inch base cabinet next to the 28-inch corner space, the dishwasher sink is then centered under the windows—Fig. 7. Moving to

the right in Fig. 5 the next 48 inches contains the dishwasher sink with garbage disposal unit. At this point there are 34 inches remaining for base cabinets between dishwasher sink and refrigerator space at the extreme right. Since most standard cabinets are 15 and 18 inches wide, it was correct to use one of each in this space.

Equipment along the left return wall of this L-shaped kitchen includes the range and ample storage space for cooking utensils and serving dishes. The 39-inch range and the 28-inch corner space are the only two fixed dimensions on this wall. Again deducting these dimensions from the over-all total space available (67 from 122½) the amount of cabinet space is determined as shown in Figs. 5 and 9. A standard 46-inch base cabinet or 18 inches more than the required 28-inch corner space is provided to the right of range with two 18-inch cabinets placed at the left—Fig. 9.

According to Hotpoint research studies, the greatest convenience and best room balance is possible when the range is placed next in the food "assembly line" on the left return wall—Fig. 5. A 1½-inch-scribe filler is used to complete the return wall assembly—Fig. 9. The cabinet next to the range should be the drawer type and the cabinet next to the end

wall a combination drawer and door type.

Hotpoint research studies indicate that the proper amount of cabinet storage space for the average family of four should conform to the following schedule:

Liberal Kitchen

Wall cabinets...7 feet 9 inches
Base cabinets...13 feet 6 inches

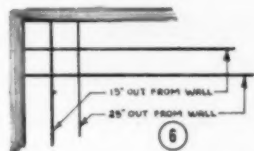
Medium Kitchen

Wall cabinets...6 feet 3 inches
Base cabinets...11 feet 0 inches

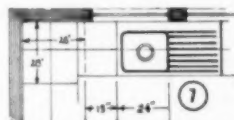
Minimum Kitchen

Wall cabinets...5 feet 3 inches
Base cabinets...8 feet 6 inches

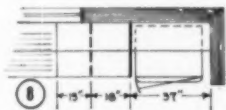
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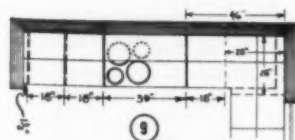
Parallel guide lines aid in laying out base and wall cabinets



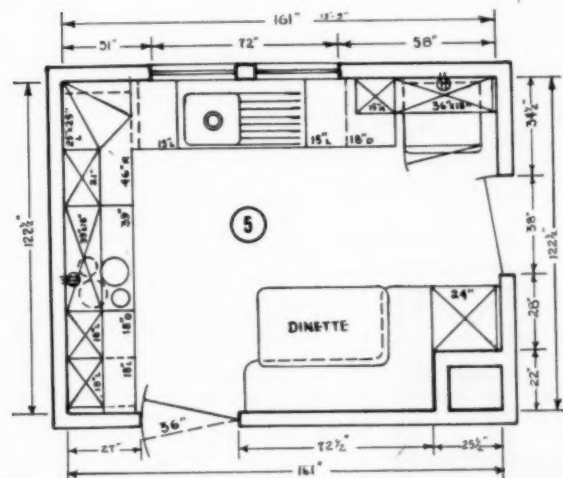
28-inch dimension shown here, in both directions, is another basic factor along with appliances to determine the placement of base cabinets



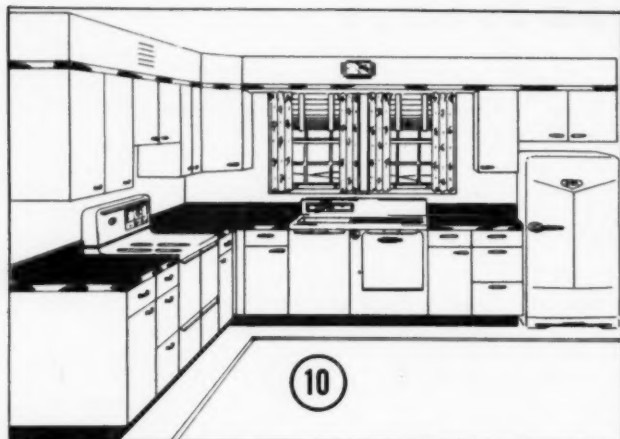
Cabinets adjoining refrigerator are shown separate in plan. The counter above is continuous



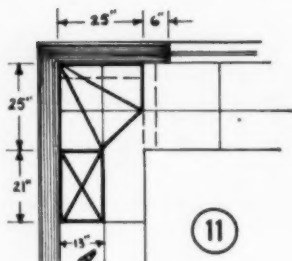
Detail of left return wall with base and wall cabinets adjoining range



Complete arrangement of appliances, base and upper cabinets, and eating area



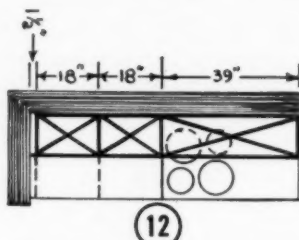
Sketch of window and left return wall in remodeled kitchen



Wall cabinets at window and left return walls

ances in this remodeled kitchen, the distance between refrigerator and sink should be 4 to 7 feet; between sink and range, 4 to 6 feet; between range and refrigerator, 4 to 9 feet. Although these distances can vary to fit smaller or larger kitchens, the work triangle between the three appliances should not exceed 22 feet.

With all base equipment in place on the layout, it is easy to compute and indicate the wall cabinets that will be required around each appliance to complete this "problem" kitchen—Fig. 5. A 39x18-inch cabinet is indicated over the range, although it is a matter of customer preference. Hotpoint recommends



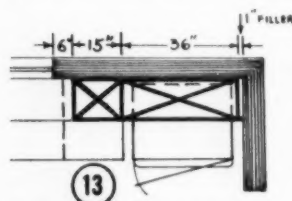
Wall cabinet plan adjacent to range

that the short, 18-inch cabinets, be used or none at all over fuel type ranges.

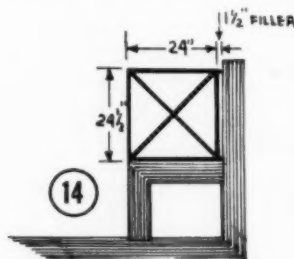
The utility storage cabinet which fits into the corner formed by the chimney and the outside wall, Fig. 14, holds brooms, mops and cleaning supplies. The only remaining section is the new eating area that appears in Fig. 5.

By comparing the floor plans of the original, Fig. 2, and the remodeled kitchen, Fig. 5, the time and work-saving advantages that scientific kitchen planning can give the

Data and drawings Courtesy Hotpoint, Inc.



Wall cabinet plan adjoining refrigerator



Detail of utility cabinet

home owner are obvious.

In the original kitchen: (1) The sink was in a dark corner; (2) the refrigerator opened away from the counter work surface; (3) work space alongside of stove missing and counter space adjoining sink was inadequate; (4) cabinet space insufficient; (5) no storage for brooms, mops, etc.; (6) the eating was crowded; (7) kitchen traffic interfered with the "work triangle" pattern; (8) valuable floor space wasted; (9) equipment layout inefficient; and (10) over-all kitchen appearance unattractive.

After remodeling, using scientifically-tested planning principles, the following points of improvements are noted:

(1) The dishwasher sink is correctly located under a window between the other two work centers.

(2) The refrigerator is placed at the beginning of the food assembly line, and the door, hinged on the right, opens to counter surface.

(3) Work surface is provided on both sides of the range.

(4) There is ample storage space for dishes and kitchen utensils needed at each work center.

(5) Counter work surface is continuous from center to center.

(6) Ample utility storage space is provided.

(7) The enlarged and attractive eating area is located outside the work area.

(8) Kitchen traffic does not interfere with the "work triangle."

(9) No floor space is wasted.

(10) Maximum efficiency with a minimum of effort is possible in meal preparation because the natural work sequence can now move from refrigerator to sink to range without interruption.

The standardized planning principles used in remodeling this "problem" kitchen, represent the basic fundamentals that research has shown to be of most value to home owner and builder. Each can serve as a key to unlock the detailed problems that are encountered in each step of building, planning or remodeling a kitchen.

Although the "how to plan" tips, illustrated in this series are necessarily brief, each has been proven in actual usage, and represents over 20 years research and experiment by Hotpoint, Inc. The "do's" and "don'ts" apply to every type of kitchen and are designed to give every builder a complete standardized guide to planning and selling the profitable "package" kitchen. By using these guides, the final kitchen will be attractive and efficient—a real time and work saver.

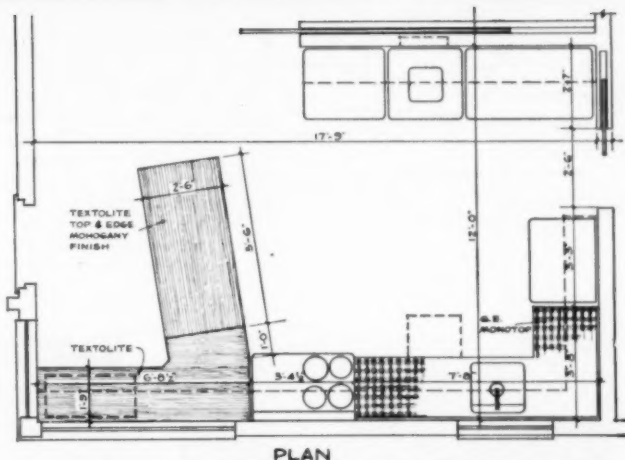
IDEA of the Month—



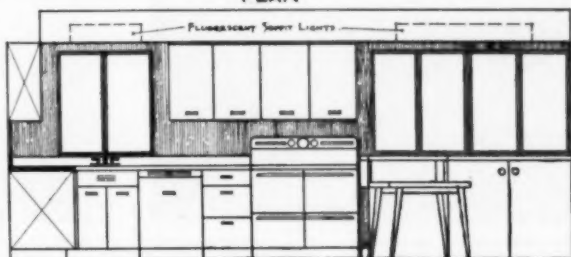
A Table and Storage Cabinet Combination

THIS table and cabinet ensemble was created by Victor Civkin, A.I.A., architect for the General Electric Co. The cabinet is designed to store an automatic ironer at one end and serving trays, bridge tables and similar items at the other. The table, which is set at an angle to provide a wide lane to the kitchen, is detachable. It has dining space for five people and is finished in General Electric's mahogany pattern Textolite.

The unit is featured in a Civkin-designed house being built in all sections of the country as part of a nation-wide G.E. promotion program. The position of the unit in relation to other equipment in kitchen is illustrated in drawings at right.



PLAN



ELEVATION



If it's a corner lot— here's a good plan

LOCATION

San Marino, California

ARCHITECT

Dwight K. Anderson

BUILDER

Fred A. Stewart

PLACING the front entrance at an angle provides easier access to all parts of the interior of this house, built on a corner lot. Another advantage is the view of both streets from the door. The low lines of the house are accented by the continuous roof over the breezeway and garage. Distinct character is given the house through the use of 3x6 false rafter ends spaced 24 inches on center, and painted white.

Exterior walls are frame and stucco. The 12-inch siding is redwood, hand-sawed with a wavy edge. Siding was painted light brown, and windows and shutters are white.

The 8x8 posts which define the front entrance are repeated in the garage entrance and breezeway. Similar treatment is used on the fireplace wall inside. Cost of the house is \$42,500.

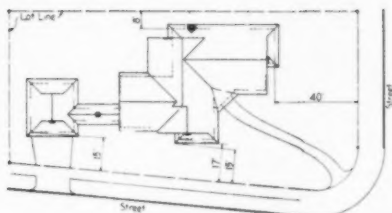
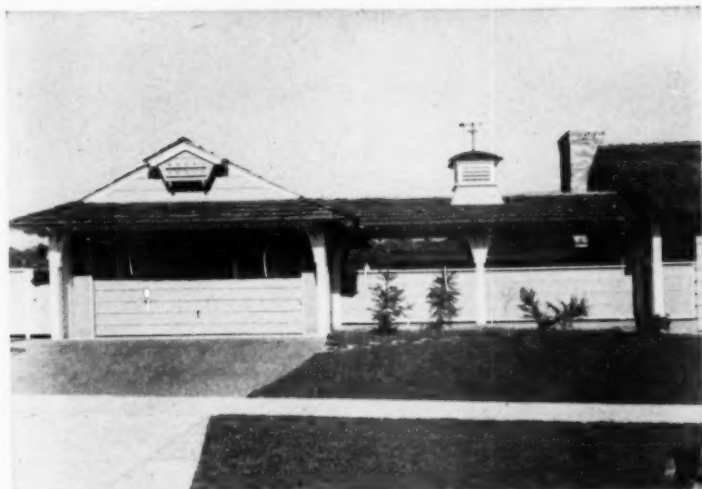


ROOF overhangs the concrete about 10 feet, gives protection from sun and rain yet permits plenty of light for interior. Fencing the passage from house to garage gives privacy from the street

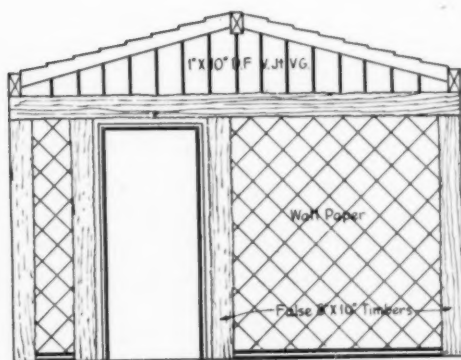
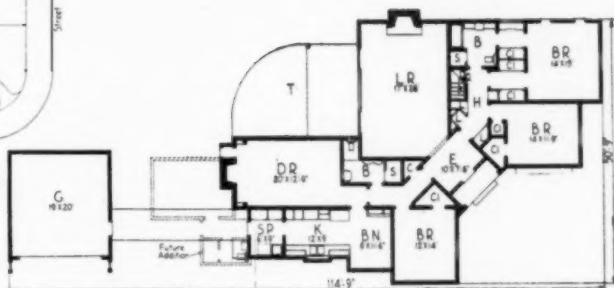


GARDEN wall of den-dining room has Arcadia sliding glass doors with sliding screens outside. Ceiling is 1 x 16 boards lapped with 2 x 6 rafter exposed on 4-foot centers

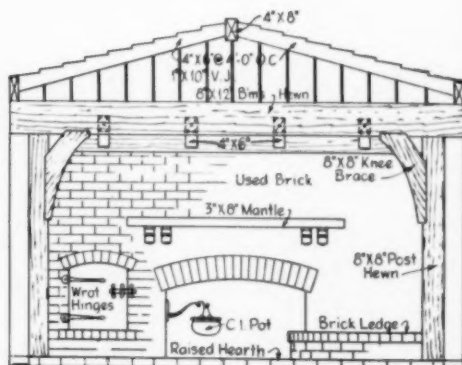
GARAGE and breezeway make an impressive unit. The covered passage is 26 feet long and 6 feet wide. Asphalt-paved service yard is out of sight of the house and garden, around garage at left



FUTURE expansion possibilities are a feature of this design. The floor plan indicates where and how a maid's room could be added (back of den room). Note also that a doorway is framed in the wall of the bedroom off the front entry. This makes possible future conversion to a dining room, if desired



WEST WALL - DINING ROOM



EAST WALL - DINING ROOM

East and west ends of combination den-dining room

AMERICAN BUILDER BLUEPRINT HOUSE

**Here is a
good design for
35-foot city lot**

ARCHITECT:

A. J. Del Bianco, Chicago, Ill.

BUILDER:

Valenti Builders, Inc., Chicago, Ill.



This Blueprint House, which is the model for a project in Chicago, is a refreshing departure from the monotonous elevations so often found in a development on narrow city lots.

Due to the width of the lots, which were a minimum of 35 feet, all design changes had to be confined to the street side of the house. This posed a difficult problem for the architect. The effective results shown on the model house are reflected in all the other units in this project.

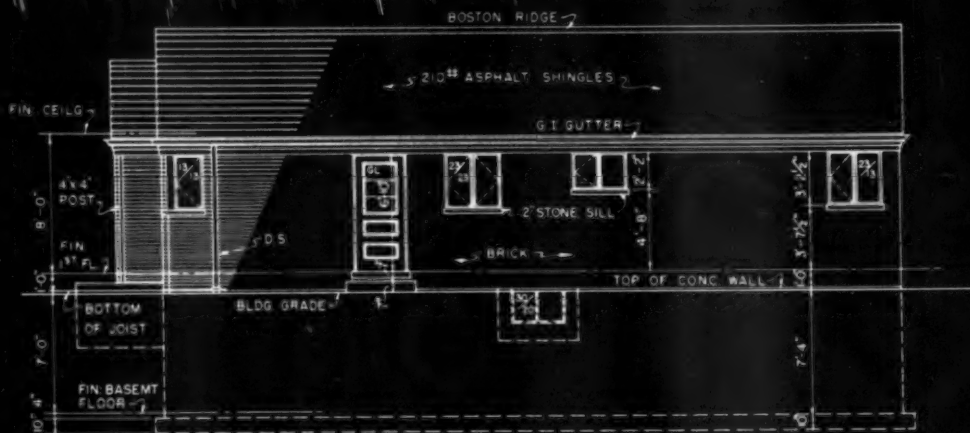
A number of unusual interior innovations are features of the house. Outstanding is the open arrangement of

stair to basement with a low wall and wood uprights on one side, and a flower box on the other. Basement stair is located about midway in the kitchen in direct line with the outside door. This makes the kitchen and dining room virtually one large room.

A folding door separates one of the bedrooms from the living room. The owner has a choice of using this space as a bedroom, study, den or as an extended unit.

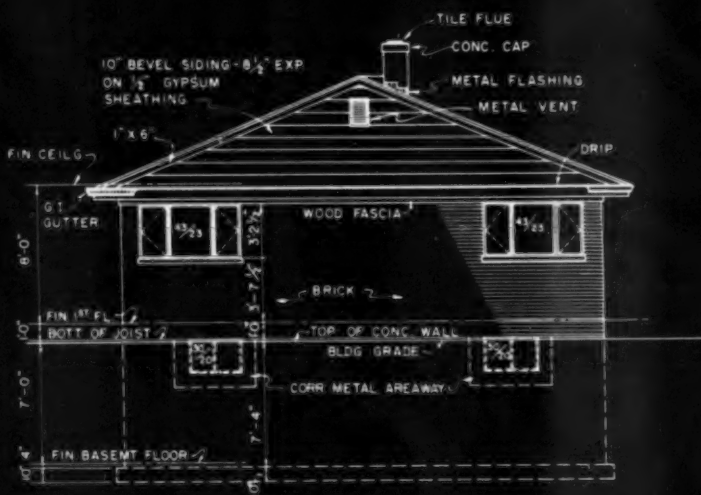
This house, which contains 1,160 square feet of floor area plus a full basement is placed on a 35x125 foot lot and is currently selling for \$21,500.

*For complete one-quarter inch scale working plans
of this house write American Builder Home Plan
Service, 30 Church St., New York 7, N. Y.*



RIGHT SIDE ELEVATION

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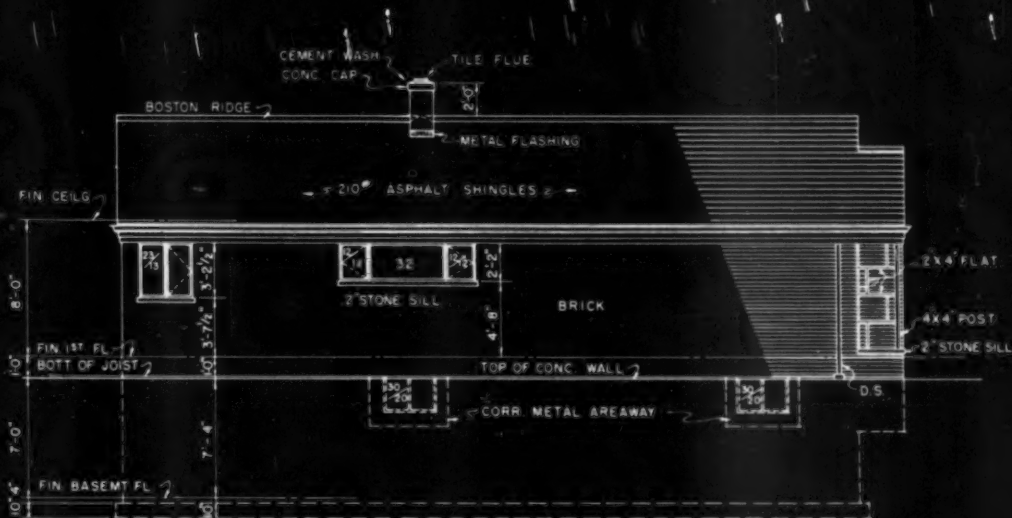
REAR ELEVATION

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FRONT ELEVATION

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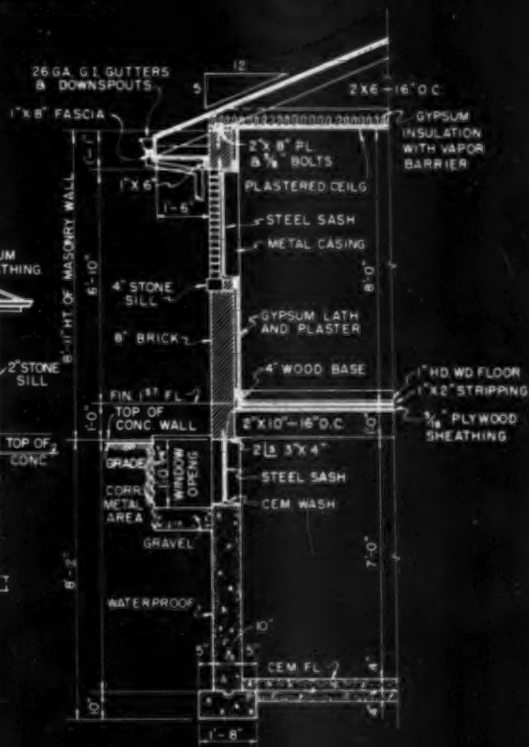
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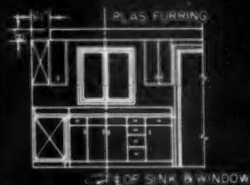
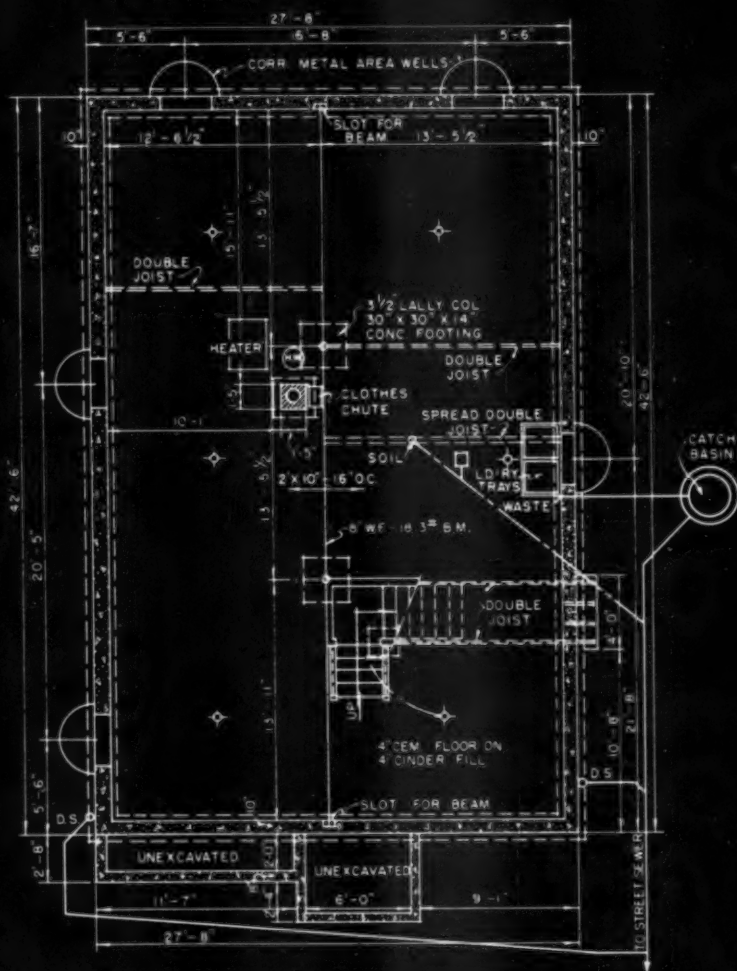
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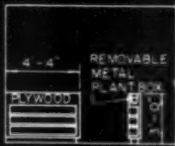


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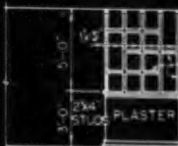
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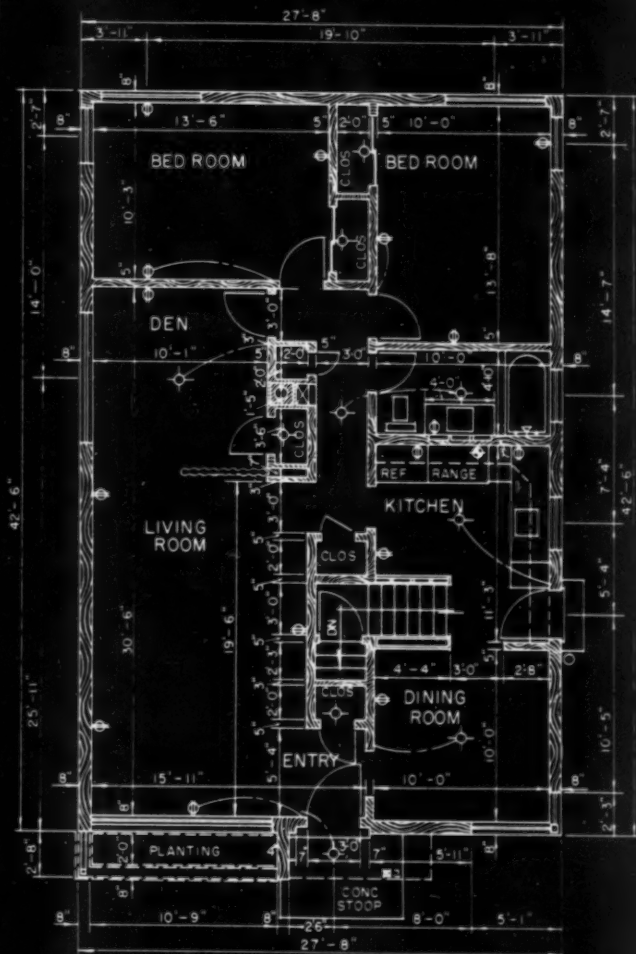
DET. PLANT BOX
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LOW WALL DET.
SCALE $\frac{1}{8}'' = 1'-0''$



PLOT PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN
SCALE $\frac{1}{8}'' = 1'-0''$

DESIGN NO. 182

AMERICAN BUILDER BLUE PRINT SERIES

Designed By

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Simmons Boardman Pub. Corp., 79 W. Monroe St., Chicago, Ill.

Quantity List of Materials

For American Builder Blueprint House No. AB 182

A. J. Del Bianco, Architect

General Information

House — Type	Masonry
Area	1,160 sq. ft.
Cube	22,040 cu. ft.
Height taken for cube was 19 feet	
Porch — Stoop Area	35 sq. ft.

Excavating

Trench for foundation	30 lin. ft.
Chimney and column footings	3-20 cu. ft.
Excavation for basement	344 yds.

Cement Work

Foundations	1,020 cu. ft.
Concrete work	1,090 sq. ft.
Thickness	4 in. conc.
	4 in. cinders
Anchor Bolts	34 — ½ x 8
Waterproofing	1,000 sq. ft.
Miscellaneous (conc. stoop)	35 sq. ft.

Masonry

Type	Brick — Stone
Walls	1,050 sq. ft.
	8 in. brick wall
	45 in. stone
Window sills	2 in. stone
Chimney	Brick
Flue lining (vitrified tile)	22 — 0" — 8"
Cap	Cement

Iron Work

Structural (in basement)	732 lbs.
Lally columns	2 — 3½"
Steel lintels	for basement — 10 — 3"x4" — 3'4"
	10 — 3"x4" — 3'6"
	2 — 3"x4" — 6'6"
	2 — 4"x6" — 8'0"
	2 — 4"x6" — 6'6"
Miscellaneous	5 steel areaways

Millwork

Windows — Type	Casements
Windows glazed, including casings	2 — 18"x24"
	1 — 52"x24"
	2 — 36"x36"
	2 — 72"x36"
	1 — 36"x24"
	1 — 36"x36"
	1 — 18"x36"
	1 — 54"x36"
	1 picture window 9 ft. ea. 40"x22"
	5 basement windows 2 ft. ea. 15"x20"
Exterior Doors	1 — 3'0"x6'8"
	1 — 2'8"x6'8"
Exterior Millwork	Wide casing entrance fascias
	Lattice (by carpenter) 2"x4"
	Metal louvers
	Flower Boxes
Interior Doors including jambs and trim	1 — 1'6"x6'8"
	7 — 2'0"x6'8"
	1 — 2'4"x6'8"
	4 — 2'6"x6'8"
Special Interior Doors	4 of 2' doors are sliding
	1 — 10' folding door

Special Interior Millwork	1 Set Kitchen Cases
	1 Open Shelf Unit
	1 Planting Box

Carpentry

Posts	4 — 4x4x8'
Foundation Plates	140 lin. ft. 2"x8"
Joists	64 pcs. 2"x10"x14'
Bridging	160 lin. ft. 1"x3"
Studding and Plates	135 — 2"x4" — 8'
	16 — 2"x4" — 12'
	10 — 2"x4" — 10'
Ceiling Joist	66 pcs. 2"x6" — 14'
	3 — 2"x6" — 12'
Roof Rafters	68 pcs. 2"x6" — 16'
	6 pcs. 2"x6" — 12'
Framing Lintels	2 — 2"x10" — 12'
Subfloor	1,080 sq. ft. 5/16" plywood sheathing
Roof Sheathing	1,775 b.f.
Side Wall Sheathing	240 sq. ft. ½" gypsum sheathing
Side Wall Materials	60 sq. ft. ½" Ext. Gr. Plywood
	125 sq. ft. 10" Bevel Siding
Furring	1,200 lin. ft. 1x2
Carpenter Stairs	10 pcs. — 1 ½" stepping stock 3'0" long
	2 — 2"x12" — 16'
	12 pcs. — 1"x8" — 3'
Flooring	820 sq. ft. area to cover
	160 sq. ft. area to cover
Exterior Material	
Soffits	280 sq. ft. plywood soffit
Eaves	160 lin. ft. 1"x8"
	4 pcs. 1"x6" — 16'
	64 lin. ft. 1x2
	1 pc. 1"x6" — 12'
	140 lin. ft. 1"x6"
	20 sq. ft. V-jointed paneling
	16 lin. ft. 1"x2" batten strips
Insulation	1,100 sq. ft.
	Insulation with vapor barrier

Rain Conduction

Gutters	114 lin. ft., 26 gauge
Downspouts	20 lin. ft.
Flashing	Chimney Flashing
Miscellaneous	8' Clothes chute lining
	Planting box lining

Roofing

Type: Composition Shingles	Area: 1400 sq. ft.
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Interior Walls

Area to be covered	475 yards of lath and plaster
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● This quantity list will be subject to variation depending on the common practices in various sections and municipalities of the country, the techniques of individual builders, the types of materials available locally and cost factors. The list published here is a suggested one, complete enough so that it can be used in arriving at a reasonably accurate estimate of the quantities and cost of materials that will be required to complete the structure. It was prepared by experts at the Edward Hines Lumber Co., Chicago.



ASSOCIATED home builders of Sacramento built this 2,500 square foot house for National Home Week. Admission charge was fifty cents. After the demonstration, the house was put on the market for \$59,500

Sacramento Association Creates Desire for Luxury Living



National Home Week demonstration house was co-operative effort of association members

THE Associated Home Builders of Sacramento, Inc. chose to wrap up their NATIONAL HOME WEEK observance in one package, a luxury styled home. Their decision rested on the fact that the State Fair date coincided with that of NATIONAL HOME WEEK and would compete for attendance.

The \$59,500 house comprises 2,500 square feet not including the maid's room. The house, built on a 175 x 190 foot lot, was open to public inspection for 90 days. Approximately 1,000 people toured the demonstration house each week end. Week days attracted between 200 and 300 visitors. Money derived from admission fees was donated to local charities.

The General Electric "New World" kitchen was a popular feature in the house. Here in a central location are the principal kitchen and laundry appliances. An ice cream soda bar is an added feature.

The living-dining-room is divided into its two functional parts by a cabinet planter. The same basic paneling is used throughout the large area to give a feeling of unity.

Other features include remote controlled wiring, air conditioning and heating equipment, and automatically-controlled garage doors.



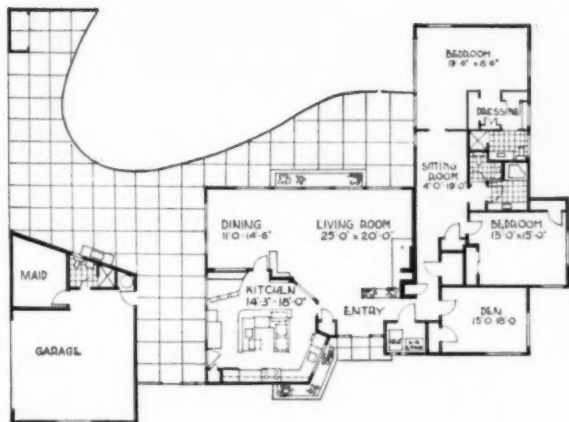
MAJOR fenestration was placed at the rear of the house overlooking the patio. Outdoor living facilities include an outdoor sink and fireplace



"NEW WORLD" kitchen is by General Electric. Ice cream bar is an innovation



BATHROOM WALL, floor, and counter top are of hand decorated tile



DOMINANT factor of the plan is the kitchen and the large living-dining area



PASS-THROUGH between kitchen and dining area adds to the convenience of serving in the dining room. Planter separates living and dining areas



LIVING ROOM overlooks rear lawn. Dining area is in back of the planter box that appears in the foreground. Right, fireplace wall of roman brick dominates living room. Beamed timbers and wood paneled ceiling and side walls add to ranch style motif



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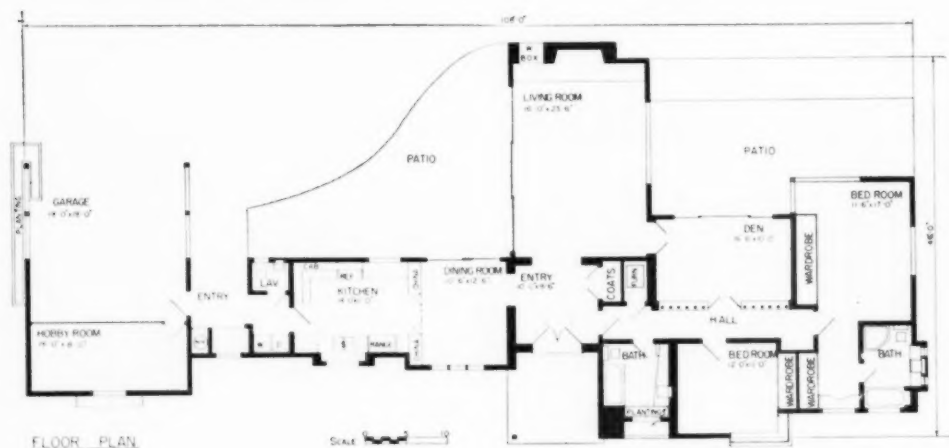


Long and low, over 100 feet in width, the house is frame and stucco. About one-half of the exterior walls are redwood, one by 12-inch board and batt siding. Jumbo cedar shakes were chosen for the roof. Slumpstone concrete blocks were used to wainscot the front of the house, and large concrete slabs for paving the patio

LOCATION: *Pasadena, California*

ARCHITECT: *James C. Young*

BUILDER: *Sentinel Construction Company*



THE 2,000 square feet of this unusual house are arranged in three major zones of living: (1) the bedroom wing, separate from the rest of the house; (2) general activities area—living room, dining room and main patio; (3) garage-hobby room space. The lanai, or den, has been carefully located. Its proximity to the master bedroom and the enclosed play yard makes possible its use as a nursery during the family's early years. Later, with its bed which disappears into a wall, it can become a child's room, guest room, or den. The location of the second bath also has been very carefully considered. It not only serves the bedroom wing but doubles also as a powder room.

The house is heated with a gas-fired Lennox winter air conditioner which provides warm air in the winter and fan-cooled air in the summer. Its location, dead-center in the house, contributes to top efficiency. Two new Minneapolis-Honeywell heat control and distribution devices are used. One is an electronic chronotherm, which combines temperature control with a clock capable of turning off heat at night and turning it on in the morning. The other is a diffusion register, which solves the problem of balancing the heat in each room.

Called "The Southlander," this house was the bright particular star of the 1951 National Home Week in Los Angeles. It was then moved to a site in Busch Gardens, an exclusive subdivision which is being created by the Sentinel Construction Company. This development features homes in the \$27,000-\$45,000 range.

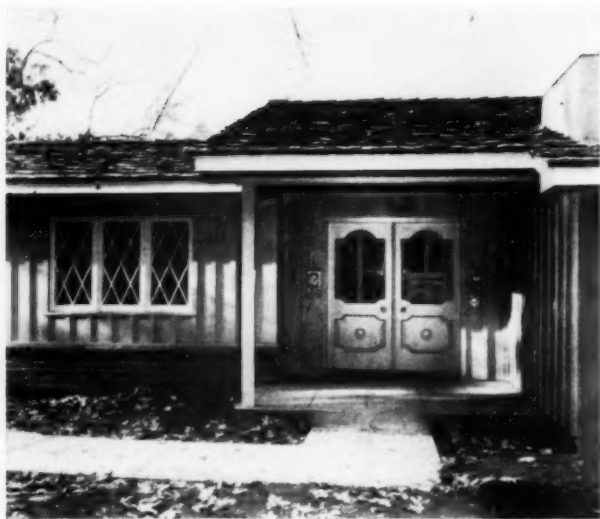


Master bedroom endeavors not to look like a bedroom. Twin beds are placed in opposite corners

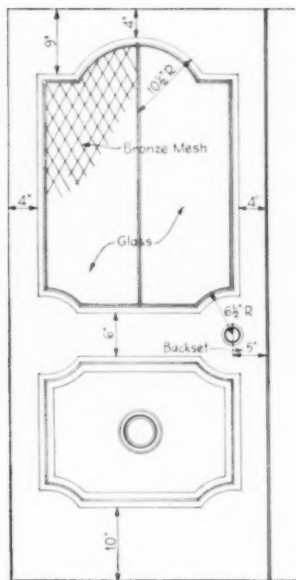
Looking from the master bedroom down the hall which serves the bedroom zone. Hallway ceiling is coved along one side to house indirect lighting. Wiring system throughout the house is the touch plate low voltage type



Entry has a cork floor, plywood paneling in wormy chestnut. Double doors swing open into living room beyond. The raised fireplace provides seat for television viewers



Plantation-type front doors have a grille made from a standard hardware cloth in flattened expanded metal. The glazed sash behind this grille opens for ventilation. Front door lock works not with a key but by special card slipped into a slot having an electric eye. An intercommunication system, which serves the whole house, makes possible talking through the door without opening it

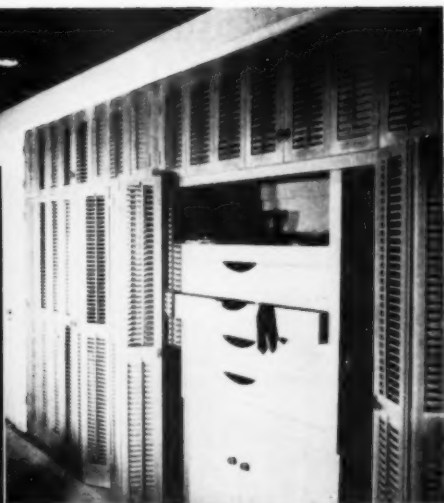


Lanai, or den, can be opened to the hallway by drawing back the short curtains which cover a metal grille above the bookcases. The couch is actually a disappearing bed which comes out of its recess in the wall by touching a button.

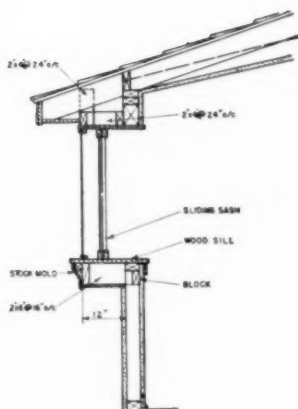
The bed slides on a track



Bath for the master bedroom. The cabinets of the Pullman lavatory slant inward. A radiant glassheat panel is used. Enclosed tub is at right. The counter-top planter is an extension of planter just outside the louvre-type window. Floor is of light green tile and the same color is used on lavatory top. There is an exhaust fan in the ceiling



Shutters are in the design of this house. They are used not only at certain inside windows, but accordion-type doors with shutters 8 inches wide separate kitchen from dining room, and also enclose wardrobes in the master bedroom



Diagonal mullioned box window in bedroom No. 2 makes a point of unusual interest on the exterior, provides an attractive window seat within



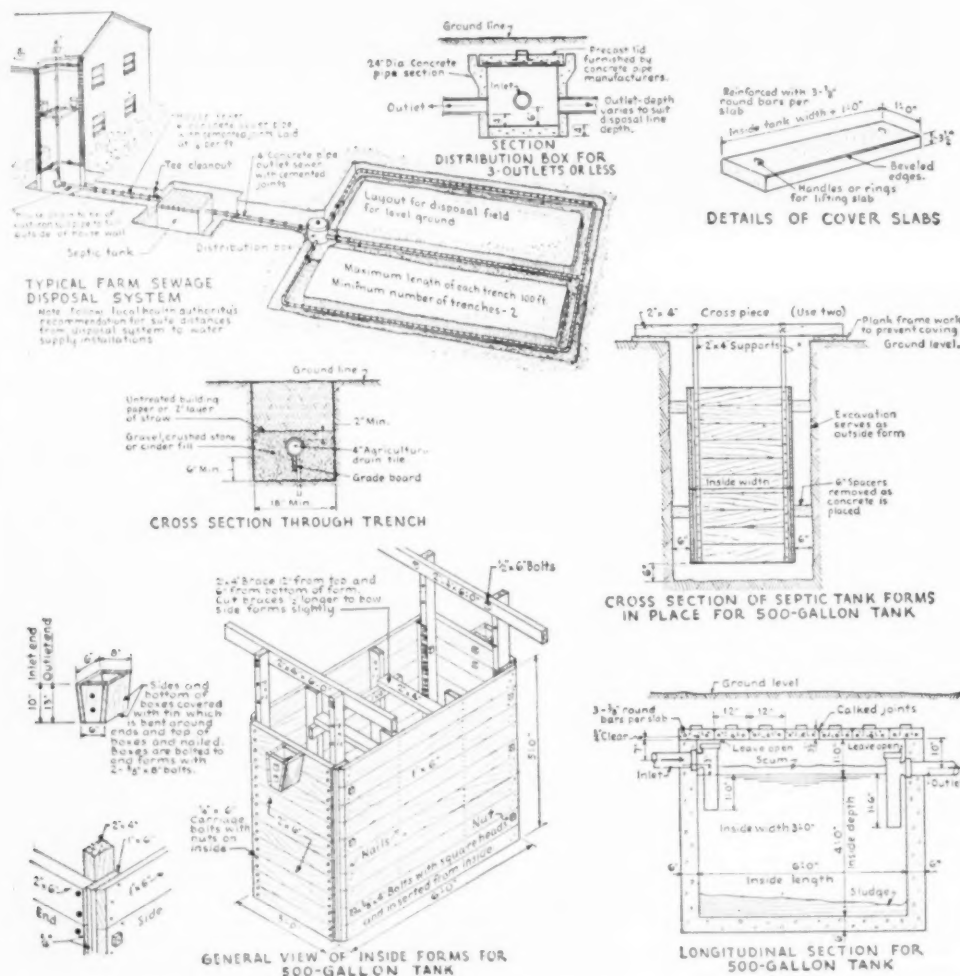
How to Construct a Concrete Sewage Disposal System

P RINCIPAL parts of the system are the septic tank and disposal field. It is important to build a tank of adequate capacity. The family-size tank shown here is the smallest practical size to build. The septic tank should always be placed at least 100 feet away from the well or other water supply. The sewer line from the house to the tank should be a 4-inch or larger concrete sewer pipe laid with tightly cemented joints. A slope of at least one inch in five feet should be given the house sewer line; also, it should be as straight as possible to reduce danger of clogging.

Use a concrete mix of 1 part portland cement, 2½ parts sand and 3 parts pebbles. Spade the concrete along form faces to help secure a dense, water-tight concrete. The sewer pipe "T's" which form the submerged inlet and outlet of the septic tank are cast in place in the wall.

A sewer line with tightly cemented joints conducts the discharge from the septic tank to the tile lines for final disposal by sub-surface seepage. No part of the open tile field should be within 200 feet of a farm water supply. In loose soils where the ground water level is several feet below the surface, 30 feet of drain tile per person in the family is usually satisfactory. In tight soils, as much as 100 feet of drain tile per person may be needed. The lines of drain tile should be placed about 10 feet apart and should slope one inch in 25 feet. Concrete tile of 4-inch diameter are usually used, laid with openings of about $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. between tiles. Put 8 to 10½ inches of crushed rock, loose gravel or cinders over and around each tile line to speed absorption of the sewage liquids. The tile line should be laid about 18 inches below the surface.

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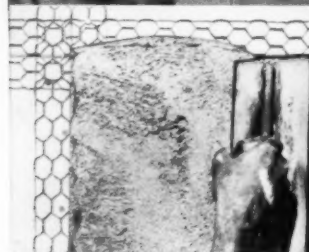
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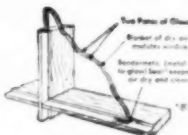
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"Remote-control wiring went in quickly on the Pilgrim Park project," said Domenic Faraone of Thomas Electric, Cranston, R. I. "After the first few hours my men really made good time."



T. J. Guidera (left)
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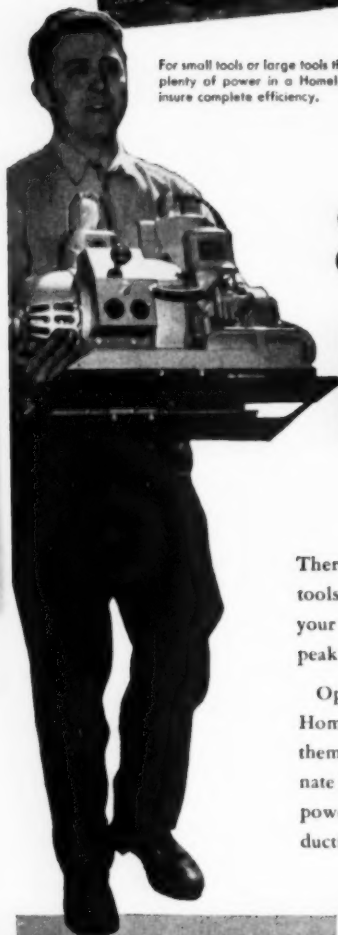
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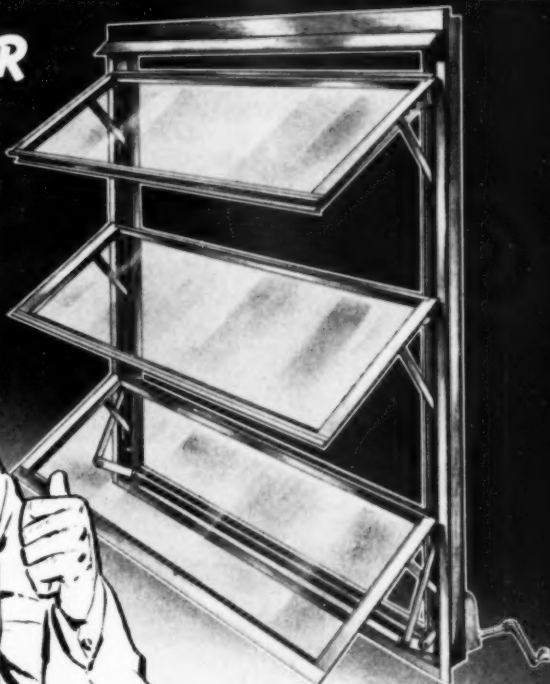
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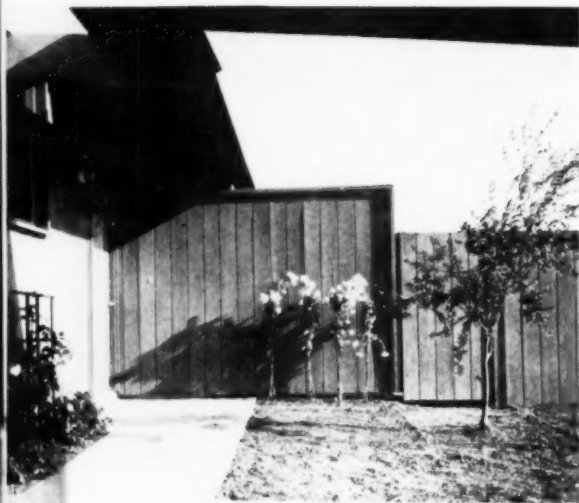
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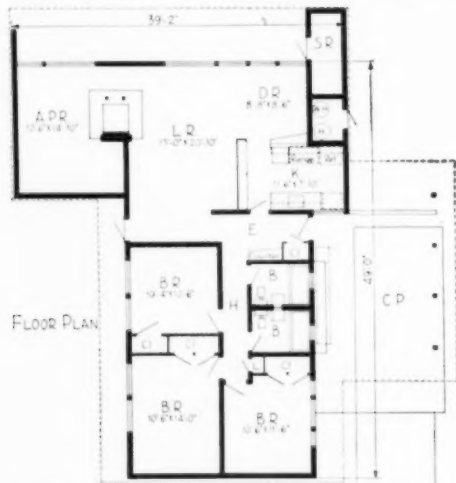
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BUILDER and DEVELOPER:

Eichler Homes, Palo Alto



HOUSE in an Eichler subdivision featuring 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom designs ranging in price from \$15,200 to \$15,950. Exteriors are select redwood, tongue and groove. "Hidden" position of main entrance at rear of carport is sometimes criticized, but in some designs is overcome by landscaping and fence



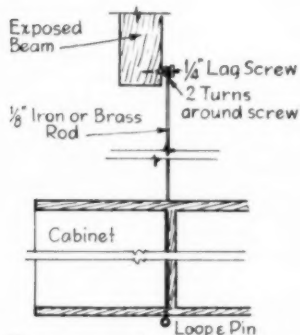
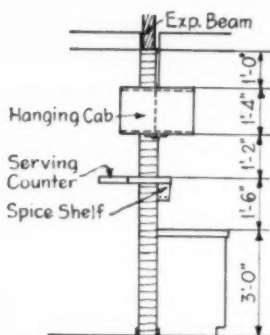
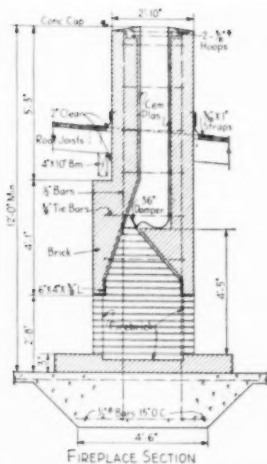
NOTE the privacy of internal circulation. Also unusual is the all-purpose room, which is an extension of the living room, with the novel feature of sharing the fireplace

A JOSEPH L. EICHLER house has certain earmarks: skillful use of plank and beam roof construction; floor plans that permit complete privacy of internal circulation; glass walls opening onto outdoor living; paved terraces, service courts, and fences to ensure privacy (all included in the price of the house); deep roof overhangs for sun protection; radiant heat; two baths, ample storage facilities, and well-designed and equipped kitchens; plywood wall paneling in every room (redwood or Philippine mahogany). Eichler prices include street work and all other improvements in and paid for; choice of color on interior walls, floor covering, counter tops, kitchen cabinets, interior trim and bathroom tile.

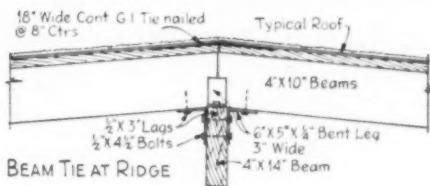
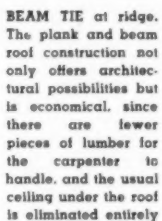
From 1943 to 1945, Eichler rented a house that had been designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. He became so sold on the kind of life which contemporary house design makes possible that he decided to go into house building himself. His objective was to hire top-flight architects to design contemporary houses for sales in planned communities for middle-class incomes.

After the war, Eichler formed the Eichler Homes company and built conventional houses for experience. Two years ago he turned to subdivisions of houses designed in the contemporary manner. He has produced some 500 outstanding houses in Palo Alto, Menlo Park and other locations on the San Francisco peninsula, at prices ranging from \$15,200 to \$15,950.

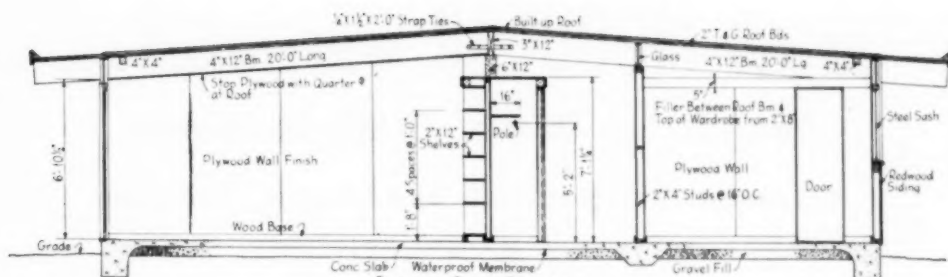
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DETAIL, end elevation, of hanging cabinet between kitchen and dining space



PORTION of kitchen, showing dining space and patio beyond. Kitchens have unusual number of cabinets, in wood, with Formica tops on work counters; ventilating fan



GENERAL CROSS SECTION
GENERAL cross section of construction system

STREET VIEW. Siding is select redwood, tongue and groove, over 15-lb. felt, with two coats of stain. Outside trim has three coats of paint. Roof is of 3-ply built-up tar and gravel, over redwood sheathing

lot sizes are too small. However, when this land was purchased it had lot sizes of about 6,000 square feet. These have been increased by us to about 8,000 square feet, making a land and improvement cost of about \$4,000 per lot. Considering the various economic factors involved, adding another \$1,000 or \$2,000 to the cost of each property by increasing lot sizes even more than we have done, might impair the financial success of the project."



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Bathroom fixtures, Briggs Mfg. Co. and American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp.

Cabinet Wax Stain, Samuel Cabot Co.

Insulating material in roof—Conoc, Pioneer Flint Kate

Roof material, Kaiser Datomite

Glass, Mississippi Plate Glass Co.

Formica, Formica Insulation Co.

Stainless steel sink in kitchen, Ziegler-Harris & Co.

Cork tile and asphalt tile, Armstrong Cork Co.

Steel windows, Soule Steel Co.



LIVING ROOM from dining end. Partitions are dry wall in mahogany plywood, 1/4-inch thick, with butt joint treatment. Floors in bathrooms and bedrooms are asphalt tile, with cork tile for the rest. Counter in foreground is the snack bar which helps break the opening between kitchen and dining area.

How MODULAR Principles Work in Wall Intersections

Chapter 8—Exterior Walls and Interior Partitions

by Griffith S. Clark

BEFORE attempting any application of the 4-inch control in the field, its relationship to wall thicknesses must be understood thoroughly. The 4-inch dimension of a 2x4 is actually $3\frac{5}{8}$ inches or $\frac{3}{8}$ inch less. Therefore, when a 2x4 is centered in the 4-inch control, this difference of $\frac{3}{8}$ inch divided in half leaves $\frac{3}{16}$ inch to be accounted for on each side of the 2x4 member. This is accomplished with subassemblies. When 2x2 or 2x3 dimension lumber is used, the same principles of the 4-inch medium apply to the 2-inch or 3-inch control.

All plates are cut in actual lengths of 4-inch multiples except those which terminate the right angle wall direction. Such plates are cut $\frac{3}{16}$ inch short so that the ends will be in the same vertical plane as the exterior stud

face. Since all interior plates are in exact 4-inch increments, they will not intersect the stud face by $\frac{3}{16}$ inch. Where these intersections occur, subassemblies are made with two studs and varying width fillers, the widths depending on the use required. For typical examples as to how intersections are formed, see figures 2, 3, 4 and 5.

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Types of Subassemblies

There are three general classifications of subassemblies:

1. Corner subassemblies.
2. Three-way subassemblies.
3. Four-way subassemblies.

Filler pieces extend beyond the stud face. If $1\frac{5}{8}$ x $3\frac{5}{8}$ -inch dimension stock (actual size of the nominal 2x4) is used, filler pieces will extend $\frac{1}{8}$ inch beyond the stud face. For prefabricated wall panels, the end stud of the abutting section will vary $\frac{1}{8}$ inch within the vertical plane. This will allow the sections to be erected without creep. If the fillers extend $\frac{3}{16}$ inch, sections will creep in their joining and rooms will be out of square.

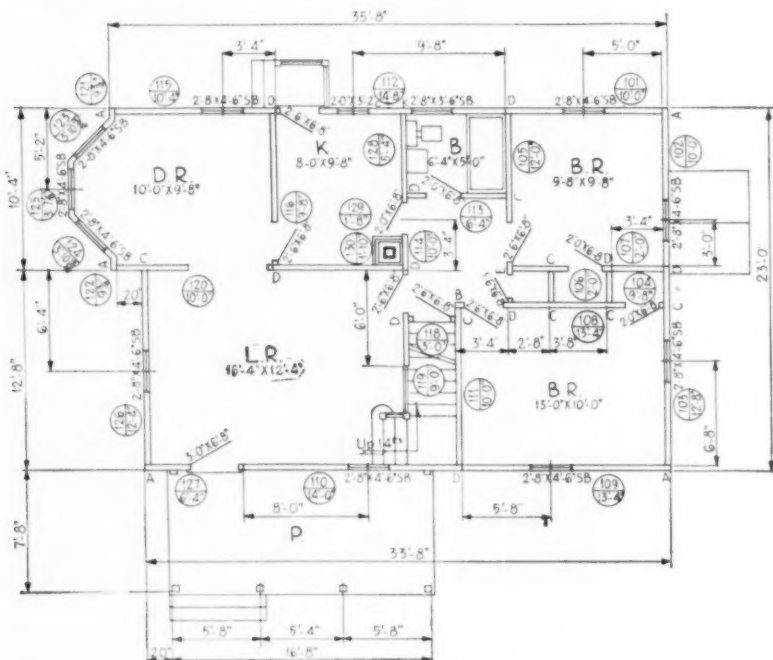


FIGURE 1. First floor plan of the house which will be used as the model in future installments explaining how modular control benefits the builder

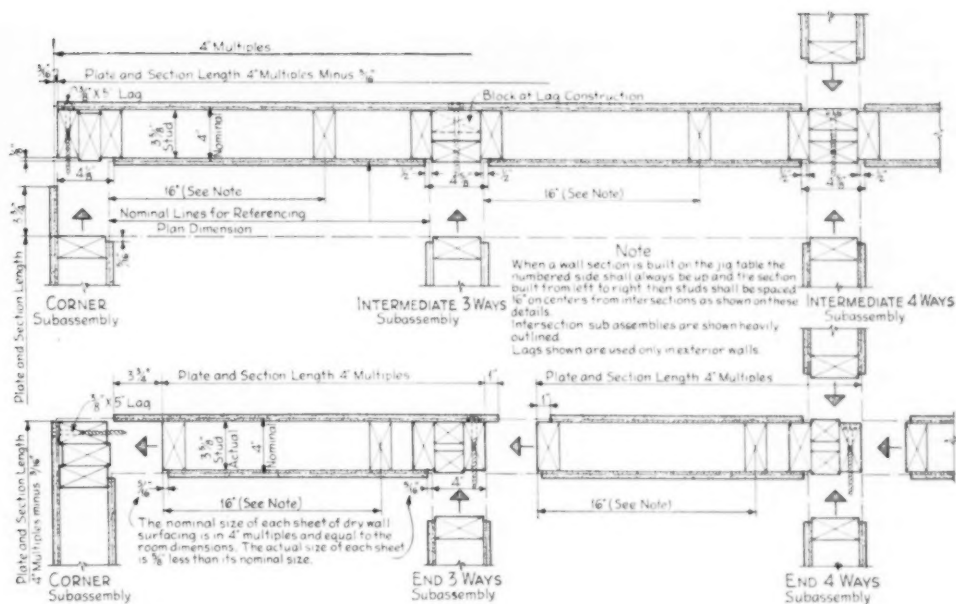


FIGURE 2. Some 4-inch standard wall intersections used where there are no adjoining doors or windows

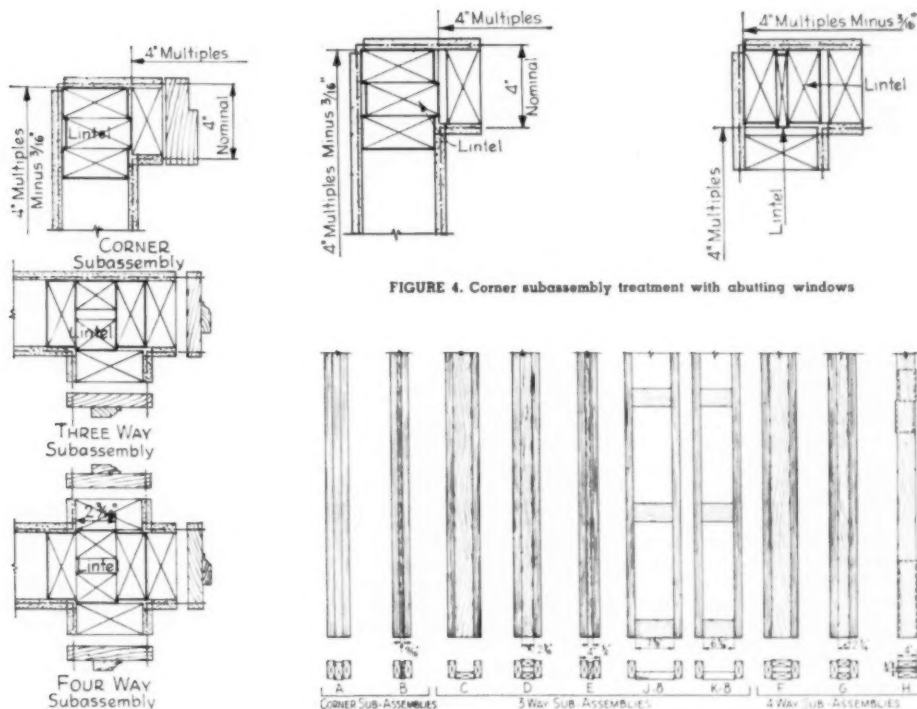


FIGURE 3. Where doors adjoin

FIGURE 5. Various standard wall intersection subassemblies

Placement of subassemblies is regulated by the modular lines. When properly located, they provide wood-to-wood nailing and backing for plaster lath or dry wall material. Furring or blocking is eliminated, thus representing a big saving over conventional work (see figures 2 and 5).

Wall surfacing material need not be considered when dimensioning the floor plan. Only the nominal lines are used for designing and planning. Therefore, in the original design, indicate all walls and partitions by drawing two lines 4 inches apart.

PLANNING DETAILS

Spacing Walls, Partitions

All walls and partitions should be spaced at exact multiples of four inches. Thus, center to center distances of walls and partitions are also in 4-inch multiples. Sometimes it will be necessary to use partitions with a nominal stud wall thickness of two inches. This type of wall should be located so that either one of its nominal surfaces coincides with a potential nominal surface of a 4-inch partition.

Stairs, Chimneys, Fireplaces

The first thing to lay out on any plan is the stairs, then the chimneys and fireplaces. This is highly important in order to be able to locate partitions around them properly. The minimum width of principal stairs should be three feet. When desirable, this width can be increased by 4-inch increments. For secondary stairs, leading to an attic or basement, the minimum width should not go below 2 feet 8 inches.

The nominal dimension of chimneys shall be in 4-inch multiples and the nominal exterior surface shall be located two inches from the nominal wall surface. This permits standardization of chimney details with reference to floor framing, walls and partitions, and at the same time meets code requirements.

Location of Openings

After all walls and partitions are drawn, locate but do not dimension the center line of doors, windows, fireplaces and other openings required in the structural wall frames. If the house is to be built conventionally, sectionalizing will not be necessary except as an asset in scheduling and precutting. Center lines for all openings will start from the left hand end of the building when facing it; similarly from all four sides.

Sectionalizing

If the plan is being prepared for prefabrication, maximum sizes of the

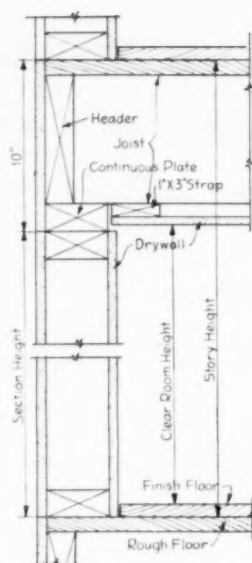


FIGURE 6. Story height in conventional construction

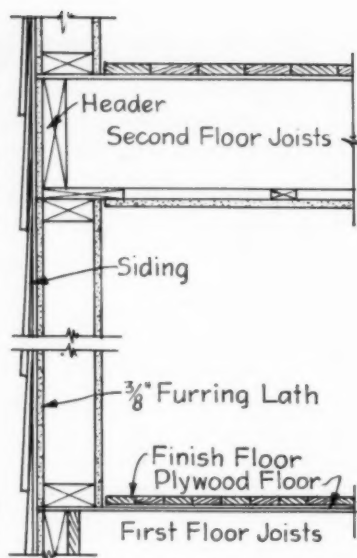


FIGURE 7. Story height in prefabricated construction, where a 1x8-inch plate can be used as part of the ceiling section

surfacing material will greatly influence the size of sections. Section heights should be 8 feet 1 1/4 inches whenever possible. This allows for a 1/2-inch setback at the sill plate and a 3/4-inch setback at the top plate of the section with an 8-foot sheet and a 7-foot 10-inch stud. This also gives an actual 8-foot ceiling height.

Section lengths will be in 4-inch multiples and marked with an identifying symbol, such as that described in the July article of this series. This is a circular mark bisected by a center line. The section number is designated above this line, while nominal length is indicated below. These symbols are placed on the viewed side of each section of the plan. From this position all dimensional references start at the left end of each section (see figure 1).

Sections should be numbered in sequence so that erection of the house can proceed without interruption at the farthest corner from the drive. This avoids rehandling and moving sections, and also provides a system of scheduling materials. Basement sections are numbered 1, 2, etc.; first story sections marked 101, 102, etc., while second story sections are in the 200 series.

Room Sizes

After the plan has been sectionalized, numbered and dimensioned, the next step is to give each room its

nominal dimension. The dimension parallel to the front of the house should be listed first. In precutting interior finish material, this procedure becomes most important.

Opening Sizes

Size and type of all openings should be indicated with center line dimensions.

VERTICAL DESIGN

Elevations should contain all essential vertical dimensions and information which may affect the control points, such as grade assigned, story heights, section heights, floor thicknesses, floor levels, basement heights, window head locations, door head locations and roof pitches.

In the platform or western system of framing, most universally used today, the wall and partition sections are set up on top of the subfloor. Therefore, the subfloor top is used as the horizontal reference plan for all vertical dimensions.

Story Heights

Story heights will vary according to the type of continuous plate used. Conventional construction with a 2x4 continuous plate will have an 8-foot 11 1/8-inch story height if the 7-foot 10-inch stud length is maintained and 2x8 floor joists are used on the second floor (see figure 6). Because of

span requirements, it is often wise to consider 2x8 and 3x8 joists, with varying center lines, rather than 2x10 joists notched for recess placement.

If a prefabricated construction is used, a 1x6 plate, which is part of the ceiling section, may be substituted for the 2x4 continuous plate, which would give an 8-foot 10 1/4-inch story height (see figure 7).

These story heights should be decreased in 4-inch increments. Maintaining this procedure simplifies the off-site fabrication of stairs and also standardizes stud lengths so that they can be mass-produced or purchased. It simplifies the work required for quantity survey in estimating. Finally, it allows uniform drop-offs for re-use.

Section Heights

The section height of 8 feet 1 1/4 inches has been maintained to utilize stock size items to the best advantage. The 8-foot-wide covering media and 7-foot 10-inch studs produce least waste of items used in largest quantities.

However, a 7-foot 1 1/4-inch section height should be considered in second-story construction. This will give a 12 per cent reduction in materials and heat loss through walls. It will eliminate dry wall surface joints above windows and interior doors on walls greater than 14 feet in length. It also eliminates the use of head



FIGURE 8. Framing detail of a typical rough opening for windows. Dotted lines outline different pieces of pre-cut dry wall sheathing

Widths				Heights		
Glass 4" of Wood over Glass Openings Width				Glass		
Opening Width	Sash Width	Lintel and Sill Header Length	Opening Height	Sash Height	Jamb Length	Sill Coping
12"	1'-4"	1'-10"	24"	2'-6"	2'-10"	3'-9 1/2"
14"	1'-6"	2'-0"	28"	2'-10"	3'-2"	3'-5 1/2"
16"	1'-8"	2'-2"	32"	3'-2"	3'-6"	3'-1 1/2"
18"	1'-10"	2'-4"	36"	3'-6"	3'-10"	2'-9 1/2"
20"	2'-0"	2'-6"	40"	3'-10"	4'-2"	2'-5 1/2"
22"	2'-2"	2'-8"	44"	4'-2"	4'-6"	2'-1 1/2"
24"	2'-4"	2'-10"	48"	4'-6"	4'-10"	1'-9 1/2"
26"	2'-6"	3'-0"	52"	4'-10"	5'-2"	1'-5 1/2"
28"	2'-8"	3'-2"	56"	5'-2"	5'-6"	1'-1 1/2"

FIGURE 9

cripples over all lintels. Stud lengths are 6 feet 10 inches and two can be cut from a 14-foot stock piece.

CONSTRUCTION

Once preparation of the plan has been completed as previously outlined, the scheduling of material to the job can be considered.

Plate lengths are taken off and cut in pairs from the most economical sizes. Studs are cut from either 8- or 16-foot lengths, depending on which can be purchased at best advantage. Lintel and sill headers are cut 6 inches longer than the width of the sash opening and the lintels are assembled with each number on edge, spaced 3/8 inch. Window jamb studs are cut in pairs. Sill cripples are cut in quantity for the various openings.

Rough Openings

Assemble all rough openings on a jig made for each size window. This is most economically done by nailing 1x2 combs on a sheet of 4x8-foot plywood, which becomes a movable template for the rough opening jig table. The rough opening should be complete with sill header, sill cripples, jamb studs, head cripples and one through stud.

When windows are next to an intersecting partition, one side of the "D" subassembly becomes the through stud. Offset the end head and sill cripples so that the center line of those cripples is one inch outside of the inside face of the jamb stud (see figure 8). This will permit standard size sheathing and interior finish material to be used, starting at either side of the opening, one inch within the inside face of the jamb stud. Filler pieces of sheathing and interior finish will be lintel length less two inches. The outside filler should be flush with the sill header in height; the inside, one inch above it. (For

a schedule of some common window openings, see figure 9).

Floor Plan Information

Figure 1 presents the first floor plan of the house especially selected to be "built" in this study of modular control. Its design presents more problems for discussion than those to be found in the average modest-size dwelling.

Information on this plan is sufficient for scheduling, precutting and erecting the home. Whether it is sectionally built or not makes no difference.

Section 101 has two plates 10 feet long, one "D" subassembly in the right end, one 2.8x4.6 rough opening and four studs. Inside covering material will be cut from one piece 9 feet 7 3/8 inches long. Outside sheathing will be made of four pieces which, when applied, will set back one inch over the "D" subassembly and extend 3 3/4 inches beyond the left end.

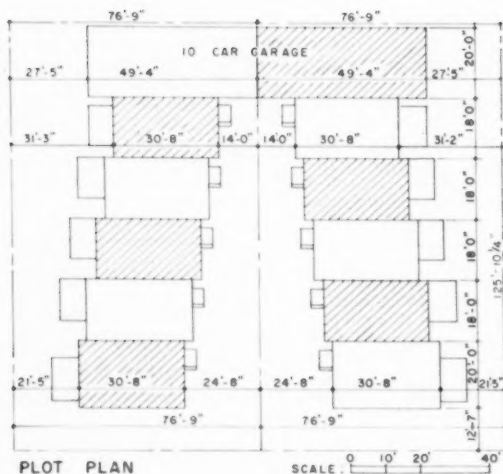
Section 102 has two plates 9 feet 11 1/4 inches in length, an "A" subassembly in the right end, a 2.8x4.6 window rough opening and four studs. The interior covering material will be 9 feet 7 3/8 inches with the window cut out and the outside sheathing will be in four pieces. The left end will extend one inch over the "D" subassembly and the right end will be flush.

NEXT MONTH'S ARTICLE

will treat with the operation of the wall jig for on or off-site construction. It will explain the particular plan in figure 1 and its relationship to the jig table.



Here Is a Setback Arrangement



STAGGERED building lines give every unit in these buildings an unobstructed view of both street and rear garden areas. Containing from 1,900 to 2,200 square feet including basement, each apartment has one and a half or two bathrooms, a rear porch, private garage, and fenced yard. Units are grouped 10 to a court, or varied as shown on plot plan, and the garages are built across the back of the site. Exterior is a combination of tinted brick and combined Lannon and Crab Orchard stone. The roof overhang extends 4½ feet beyond the building. Heating is radiant hot water or oil-fired hot water with cast-iron convectors. Concrete floors and 8-inch walls make the units virtually soundproof.

Meyer Lipson, Chicago, president of Elandee Building Corporation, is the builder. In the past two years he has built three groups of six-room town houses on this type, designed by Carl J. Kastrop. Lipson's first project comprised 10 units, which sold in 1950 at \$16,500 and \$17,500. The second group was twice as large, offered 20 units, with five units facing the street. These sold at \$18,500. The third project, completed this spring, included 42 units selling at from \$19,700 to \$23,500.



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How One Dealer Maintains Distribution Channels

AT A TIME when many retail dealers are gravely concerned with the problem of maintaining normal distribution channels, it is significant that the Pacific Lumber Co., Denver, Colorado, serves a roofing contractor so satisfactorily that all of the contractor's more than \$200,000 worth of roofing and siding purchases annually are channeled through this dealer's yard.

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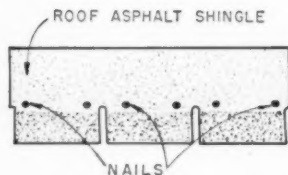
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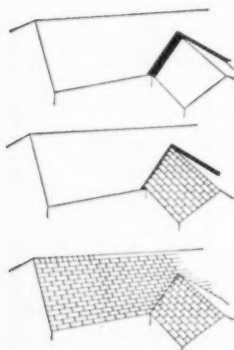
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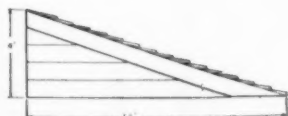
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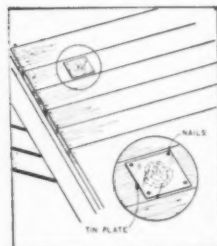
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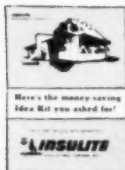
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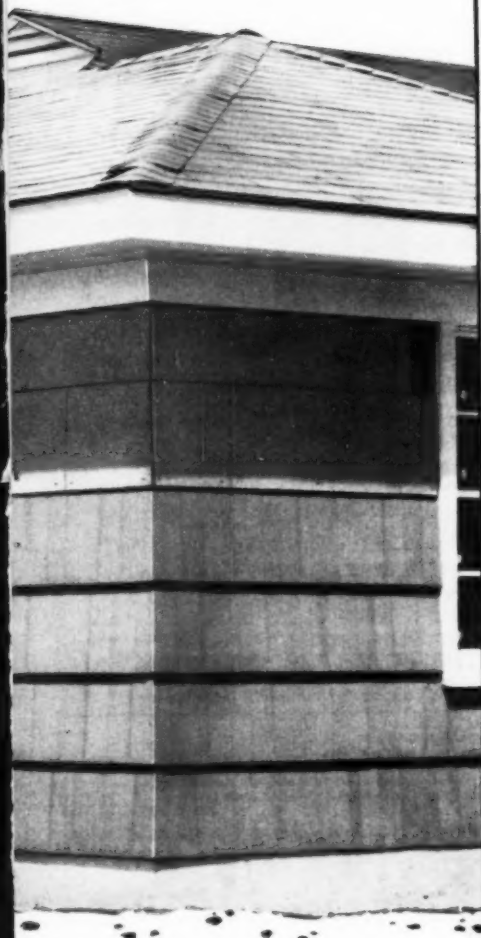
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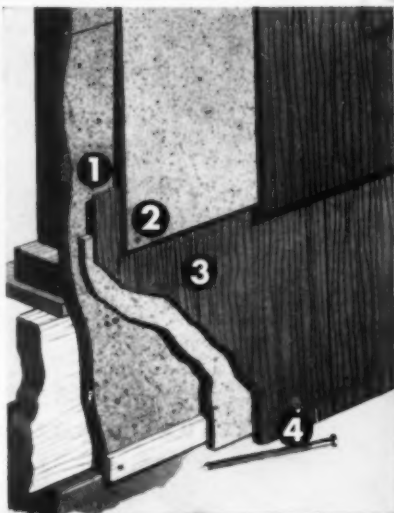
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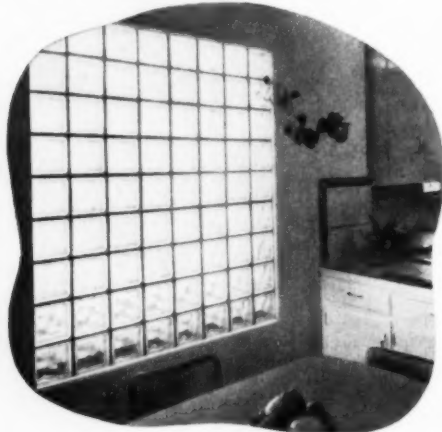
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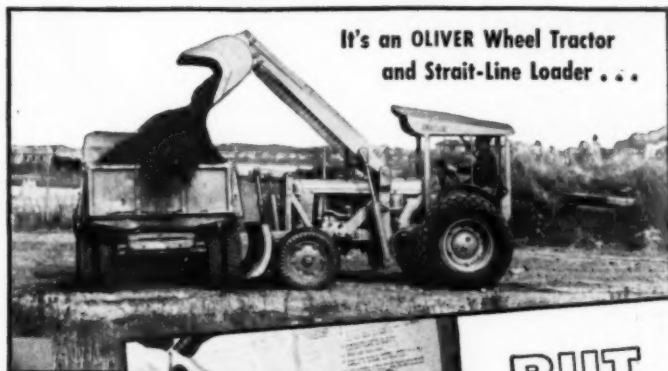
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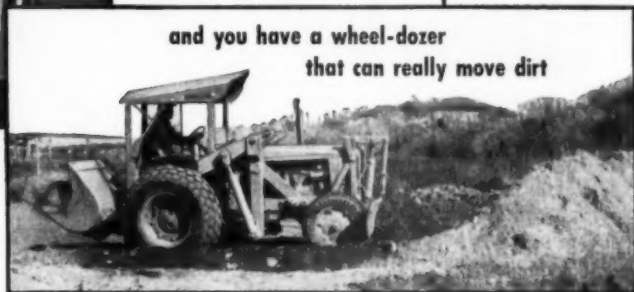
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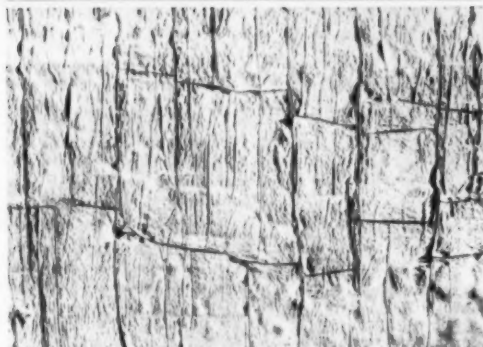
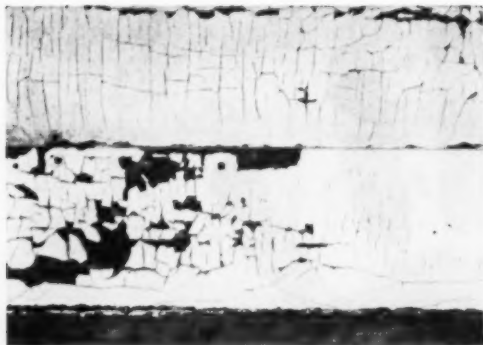
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WHEN PAINT FAILS ABNORMALLY . . .

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BLISTERING caused by cold-weather condensation of water vapor trapped behind the siding. Peeling occurs when a loose edge of the coating can be grasped and pulled off well beyond the edge of the blister. Usually, paint remains in a peeling condition only as long as the wood and the coating remain damp. This house was built in Wisconsin in 1947, was repainted in the fall of 1949 because the first paint job had failed badly, and was photographed in April 1950. When seen again in June, 1951 the paint was peeling badly. The sidewalls of the house have blanket insulation without an adequate vapor barrier. These blisters generally become filled with water soon after they form, and when they dry out, collapse leaving the paint wrinkled. Peeling follows.

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ANY EXTERIOR paint coating gradually breaks down under the forces of weathering. Paint has a normal pattern of disintegration. For a description of this pattern, the reader is referred to the article, "What Paint Is," which appeared in the *American Builder* of March, 1952 as chapter two in this series on paint in the building business. The present article, which is chapter six in the series, will take a look at types of abnormal paint failure and the reasons underlying them.

The usual stages of paint deterioration are, of course, hastened and exaggerated by various causes such as unusual exposure conditions, inferior paint, or faulty construction in the house itself. But certain abnormal paint conditions do arise, apart from the usual pattern. Most common among these abnormal conditions in the coating itself are alligatoring, blistering and peeling, discoloration, excessive chalking or washing, lifting, and intercoat scaling. Alligatoring, blistering and peeling are described in the photographs which are reproduced here. A word or two about the others:

Discoloration. Too much water behind redwood or red cedar often causes reddish-brown to black discoloration of the paint from the water-soluble substances in those woods. It is evidence of structural faults in the building, or the use of unseasoned lumber. Sometimes a yellow to brown discoloration appears in streaks over a few boards, or more uniformly over the heartwood of white pine, sugar pine, or Ponderosa pine. In new construction this may mean that the painting was done when the wood was unduly moist, perhaps before the plaster had dried out thoroughly. This can occur both on outside and inside work. The affected boards can be replaced if the condition is serious enough.

"Bluestain" is a blue to black discoloration of paint that penetrates into the sapwood beneath the coating, and is caused by the growth of certain fungi in damp sapwood. It is a sign that the wood becomes damp for substantial periods of time. Repainting will permanently hide the bluestain, if the wood can be kept dry. If it is desired to restore a natural varnish finish, the stained wood must be replaced.

Not to be confused with mildew is a discoloration abnormality which occurs when the paint job is fairly new. This is excessive dirt collection. Using a finish coat which contains too much linseed oil or oil of inferior quality contributes to it. It is also aggravated when painting is done just before the winter season.



TOO MUCH MOISTURE INSIDE THE HOUSE was responsible for this failure of peeling. The black line divides the kitchen on the left from the dining room on the right. Excess moisture vapor in the kitchen can be removed by installing a suction-type fan in the kitchen window or wall.



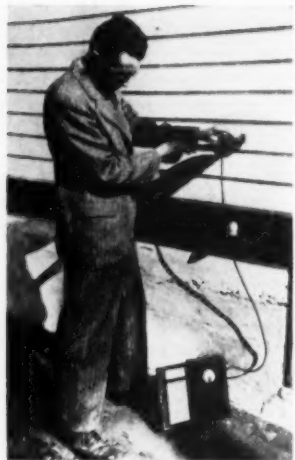
WHEN POOR PAINT BEGINS TO FAIL, the failures tend to be worst on areas that receive most water during storms. On the house at left, the worst scaling is on the siding which is next to an entrance roof on which snow evidently piled up and melted during the winter. On the house at right, the lower courses of the siding show most paint scaling, except where the roof over the entrance furnishes protection. (However, the fascia board of the porch roof has badly scaled paint in accordance with its lack of protection.) Paint on this house did badly on galvanized iron down-pouts because they had not received a good metal primer before the house paint was applied.



DRY BLISTERING, or "temperature" blistering, is caused by pressure of air in the wood expanding when the surface is warmed by sunshine or other source of heat before the coating of new paint has hardened throughout its thickness. This surface is on a house built in 1938 and painted white. In July, 1951 the owner started to change the color to gray by repainting with one coat of paint. He painted the east side (rear of the house) on Satur-

day afternoon between 2 and 6 p.m. The next morning at 7 a.m. he found the paint blistered as shown above. The blisters are hollow and contain no water. The siding and woodwork were thoroughly dry when the blisters formed and when the photograph was taken a few days later. Testing on houses afflicted with temperature blistering has shown that the moisture content of the boards was from only 8 to 12 per cent.

CONSTRUCTION POINTS THAT AFFECT THE PAINT JOB

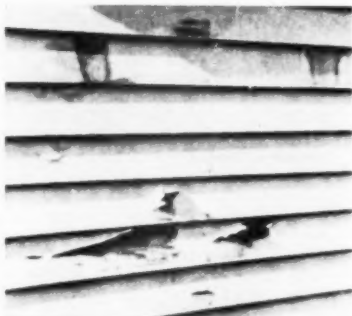


USE AN ELECTRICAL MOISTURE METER on a new paint job which shows signs of blistering and/or peeling. If the water content of the wooden siding is 20 percent or more, the cause of the paint trouble is probably too much moisture in the board. Where is this moisture coming from? Check the relative humidity inside the house with a simple meter. Here is a guide to safe inside humidities for various outside temperatures: inside not over 20 per cent if outside temperature is below zero; inside not over 30 per cent for 0-20 degrees outside; not over 40 per cent inside for 20 degrees and over outside.

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CONTACT WITH THE GROUND will cause paint on siding to peel. In this case, water has been soaked up along the nail line on the studding. Farther up the wall, the stained areas between studding show where condensed water has been able to drain out. Preventing the wooden studs and siding from touching the ground would have avoided this damage to the paint.

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RAIN DRAINING BEHIND WINDOW FRAMES gets into the end-grain of the siding and causes the paint to blister and crack. This can be prevented by installing window-frames that are close fitting and well caulked, and by sealing ends of siding with paint before nailing. The absence of metal flashing above windows is a cardinal sin and will account for much of the moisture source.

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Excessive chalking is really a result of unusual exposure conditions. In good house paints, chalking is carefully controlled by the chemistry of the paint, but when used in atmospheres contaminated by sulfur dioxide fumes or other acid gases from industrial operations, the paint may chalk excessively. In doing so it may wash off freely with the rain onto contiguous surfaces. Dark-painted trims, stucco, cement and brick under woodwork painted white will be marred by this washing of the rapidly disintegrating paint. Another form of washing caused by excessive sulfur dioxide fumes is a yellow to brown discoloration in patches, or a brown substance that sometimes collects along the under edge of bevel siding or trim boards, where rain drops off during storms. Often it seems like resin exuded from the wood but unlike resin is easily dissolved in water.

Lifting. The condition is described by the Forest Products Laboratory as a softening, loosening, or wrinkling of an old coating by strong solvents in a new paint. Like alligatoring, it is the result of incompatible paints combined in repainting.



WINTER CONDENSATION PROBLEMS occur in those parts of the country where the average temperature for January is 35 degrees F. or lower. A house built in that area should have a vapor barrier installed near the warm side of the building element at time of construction.

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BEFORE AND AFTER WALL VENTILATION was provided. After a louver had been installed in the attic, the paint job weathered without blistering and peeling. The "after" photograph was taken one year after the louver had been put in.

A CHECK LIST OF POINTS TO PROTECT PAINT

BASEMENTLESS HOUSES

Use a heavy asphalt building paper beneath the floorboards to block the rise of vapor from the ground. Cover the ground with a layer of crushed rock, cinders or gravel, and provide grading which will direct surface water away from the building. Use rat-proof flooring, and at least 4 ventilating openings, one near each corner of the building. Insulate pipes.

FLASHINGS

Never omit or skimp on flashings. They may be needed for roof valleys, edges of roofs, junction of roofs with chimneys and dormers, headers over windows and doors, water tables, and junctions of siding with shingles, stucco or masonry. The need should be judged in the light of winter conditions. For instance, ice dams at the edges of the roof may back up melting snow well past flashings applied simply as protection against summer rain.

FOUNDATIONS

Waterproof underground walls by putting a thick outside coating of asphalt all around. Paint the foundation wall above ground on the outside with a masonry paint based on a polystyrene emulsion vehicle. For already built houses with a basement wall moisture problem, application of a cement-water paint system may be the solution; or painting with a polystyrene emulsion paint applied directly to the masonry and not over old paint of any type.

GREEN LUMBER

Be sure you're not using it.

GROUND CONTACT

Wooden studs and siding must not be brought into contact with the ground.

HUMIDIFIERS

Don't use them for at least 2 years in a new house with plastered walls. The plastered walls will release fogs of moisture during the first few months.

JOINTS IN FREE-STANDING WOODWORK

Columns, posts, and railings whenever possible should be given the protection of roofs. If possible, such members should be made of the heartwood of naturally durable wood. Sapwood at such joints will take up water rapidly and is susceptible to decay. Dip all end-grain ends of pieces used in these joints in water-repellent preservative after they have been cut and fitted, and before fastening in place.

NAILS

Use aluminum or heavily galvanized nails to prevent discoloration of paint from rusting.

ROOF

A substantial overhang is very effective in preventing streaking of paint and making the coating last longer.

SIDING

Horizontal joints should overlap generously. Apply paint generously at these points.

Vertical joints in horizontal siding should be made only over studs, and should be well staggered in the successive courses.

Sealing the ends of the siding boards with paint will make a better job.

Corners must be carefully fitted and covered with corner pieces or corner boards. Fit window and door cases with great care to keep out as much water as possible at the junctions with siding. Poorly joined window heads and siding butts are a menace to paint.

Trim is best laid overlapping and overhanging the siding below it.

Vertical siding must have battens to cover the long vertical joints.

Remember that flush siding is very susceptible to penetration to rain.

Building paper behind the siding should be water resistant but not too vapor resistant.

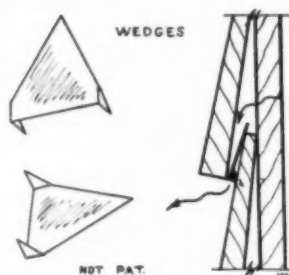
VENTILATION

Stagnant air spaces behind exterior walls will often cause condensation of water vapor, and paint failures. Be sure to provide adequate ventilation for attics, closed-off spaces under roofs, hollow columns, crawl spaces under porches and basementless buildings. Ventilation for crawl spaces should contain openings not larger than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch; for attics and lofts, not more than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

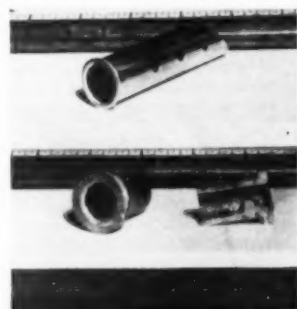
VAPOR BARRIER

Vapor barriers should be installed at the time of construction in all new houses built north of the 35 degree January isotherm line, as shown on the map on page 140.

WALL VENTILATING DEVICES

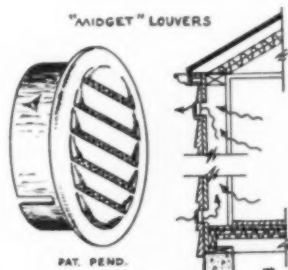


WEDGES can be made of non-staining aluminum alloy or stainless steel, using only tin snips and a vise. They can be about $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches on a side and are driven upwards halfway between studding, until flush with the lower edge of the upper board. This results in a clearance of about $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch between two overlapping boards. This slight clearance permits moisture vapor to escape outwards.



SMALL TUBES with screen over one end and holes along the side can be made to extend into stud spaces through holes bored through both the siding and sheathing. These provide ventilation within the wall when installed at top and bottom of the siding. The lower exhibit shows another form of venting tube.

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MIDGET LOUVERS range from one inch to four inches in diameter and can be installed very simply where wall ventilation is needed.

Intercoat scaling. Normally, paint disintegrates by crumbling, flaking, or scaling right down to the bare wood. But if dissimilar paints have been used in various repainting, the disintegration may take the form of scaling at that layer where there is the greatest difference between successive paints. Intercoat scaling usually means that the last repainting is falling short of normal performance.

Water is the No. 1 Enemy— The Problem of Condensation

For a new paint job, moisture sometimes continues to be the No. 1 enemy. The National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association estimates that it is the final cause of 90 per cent of abnormal paint failures. In the city of Cleveland alone, in 1951, it was estimated that home owners lost \$1 million because of paint peeling caused by moisture trapped in their homes. How does moisture attack the outside paint job?

Excessive moisture gets into the wall interspaces in two ways: (1) through structural defects which admit storm water, fog, dew; (2) through cold-weather condensation of water vapor arising from sources within the house, such as cooking, bathing, laundering, breathing. Water vapor is in all air, and when warm-air water vapor comes in contact with a cold surface it condenses to form frost or water depending on the temperature of the surface. When this condensation occurs excessively on or within the walls and ceilings of a house, the paint job is in real danger. The vapor passes through the warm inner wall surfaces, flowing toward the cold outside air which has low vapor pressure, is absorbed in the thermal insulation so much used today, finally condenses on the underside of the cold siding and is absorbed into the wood. When the sun strikes the surface of the wood, it tends to draw out this moisture faster than such vapor can pass through the paint film. If the moisture content of the board is over 20 per cent, a vapor pressure is set up which literally pushes the paint off the wood surface. Thus a paint job on a new house afflicted with excessive condensation of water vapor will blister and peel.

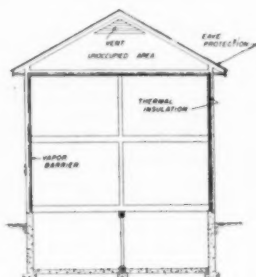
To prevent condensation in the wall structure or ceiling, the water vapor must be stopped before it is cooled below the condensation temperature. In the rather loosely built houses in which most of us grew up, this problem did not exist. The water vapor passed harmlessly through the uninsulated walls. The condensation problem emerged as part of the modern system of tight construction, whose objective has been to solve the

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS ON VAPOR BARRIERS

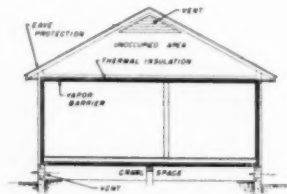
Condensation Zones and Vapor Barrier Requirements



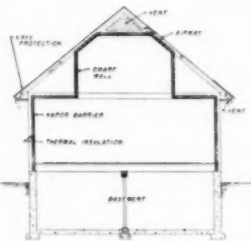
ZONE I roughly includes areas with design temperatures of -20 degrees F. and colder; **Zone II**, 0 degrees to -10 degrees F.; **Zone III** includes areas warmer than 0 degrees F.



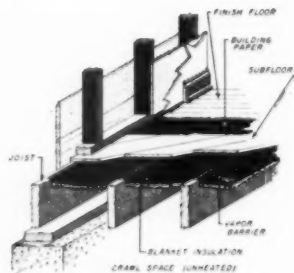
TWO-STORY HOUSE WITH BASEMENT. Use vapor barrier for ceilings and walls in Zone I, and for walls in Zone II. Ventilation as indicated for all three zones. Thermal insulation around the heated living quarters above the basement in Zones I and II. Eave protection is recommended for Zones I and II.



BASEMENTLESS HOUSE, ONE STORY. Vapor barriers should be provided for ceilings, walls, and floors in Zone I; for walls and floors in Zone II; for floors in Zone III. Ventilation should be provided in the side walls of the crawl space for all three zones. Thermal insulation should be used in all walls, ceilings and floors in Zones I and II. Eave protection (one course of roll roofing) is recommended for Zones I and II where wood or composition shingles are used.



ONE-AND-ONE-HALF-STORY HOUSE WITH BASEMENT. Zones I and II require vapor barriers for walls and ceilings; ceilings in Zone III, if insulated. Ventilation as indicated for all three zones. Thermal insulation to form an envelope around the heated living quarters should be provided for Zones I and II. Eave protection is recommended for Zones I and II.



FLOOR DETAIL FOR BASEMENTLESS HOUSE. Condensation control for this type of construction requires the blanket insulation to have a vapor barrier to prevent excessive water vapor in a damp crawl space from reaching the finish floor. It will also prevent water vapor from entering the blanket itself from the warm side. The paper between the subfloor and finish floor may be a vapor barrier or any building paper of suitable quality.

All figures from "Condensation Control in Dwelling Construction," Housing and Home Finance Agency, Washington, D.C.

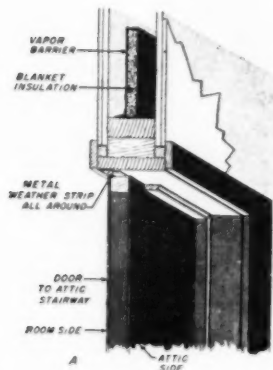
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heating problem. Tight walls, caulking, weather stripping, storm sash, and insulation are a great improvement but they are hard on paint unless supplemented by a system of moisture control. (This has been recognized by the manufacturers of some types of insulation. Paper-covered blanket insulation, for instance, is usually furnished with vapor barrier attached.)

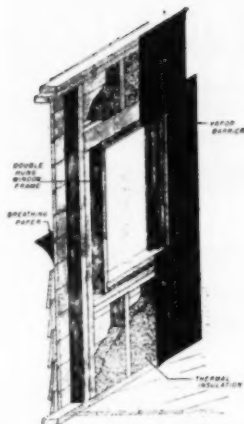
Such a system consists of the correct use of a barrier which will keep the warm vapor out of the walls, plus proper ventilating devices to enable the building to breathe. The vapor barrier is a membrane applied to the warm side of exterior walls or ceilings. Details on its application are given in the drawings reproduced here. To be effective, the barrier must be continuous and unbroken. Don't forget space under attic stairs, openings around ceiling light fixtures, cracks around attic doors, openings from stud space of interior partitions to the attic; also any wall openings which connect the attic space with the basement. All joints must be lapped and securely fastened on studs, joists, or bracing.

The main types of barriers are "duplex" papers, consisting of a continuous sheet of asphalt between kraft paper; asphalt-impregnated and coated papers having a glossy or bright finish; aluminum foil mounted on one or two sides of a paper support, or attached to a plaster base or wallboard. Aluminum paint, oil paint, or rubber-base paint can also be used as a vapor barrier if applied in sufficient coatings to make a smooth, glossy finish; the use

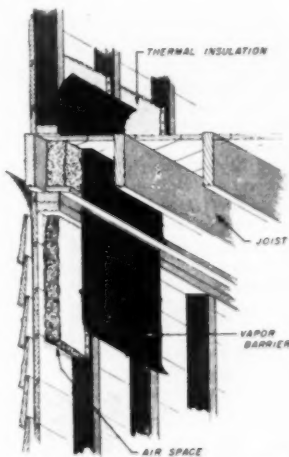
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OPENING INTO UNHEATED ATTIC SPACE. Weather-stripping and thermal insulation can be used advantageously to keep water vapor from escaping into unheated attic or storage spaces through doors.



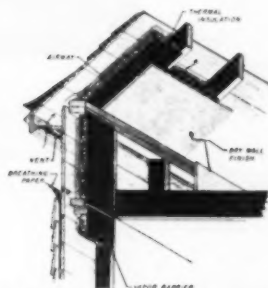
BARRIER AND INSULATION ADJACENT TO A DOUBLE-HUNG WINDOW. Great thoroughness should be used in applying vapor barriers around windows to control condensation. They should effectively cover the frame and the openings at the sides, top, and bottom of the frame. All openings except those needed for sash weights should be packed with insulation and covered with vapor barriers.



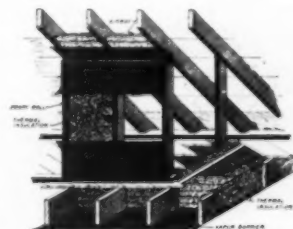
SIDE WALL, SECOND FLOOR LEVEL. Condensation control is by a vapor barrier applied over the face of the studs and along the wall at the joist level. The thermal insulation is of the batt type without an effective vapor barrier.

OUTSIDE BASEMENT WALL, PLASTER FINISH. Condensation control is provided through the use of a vapor barrier below the finish floor as well as a barrier running parallel to the furring strips. This prevents as far as possible water vapor entering the space between the concrete floor and the finish floor. A membrane waterproofing is recommended over the concrete subfloor.

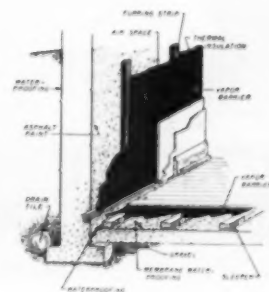
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JUNCTION OF ATTIC FLOOR, SIDE WALL, AND ROOF. A good vapor barrier covers the blanket-type insulation shown both in the side wall and between the rafters of the attic roof. Some form of dry wall finish is recommended along walls and the lower part of the roof to prevent damage to the vapor barrier.



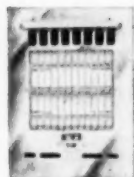
JUNCTION OF A DWARF WALL WITH ATTIC, FLOOR, AND ROOF. Condensation control in this instance is provided by the vapor barrier on the floor. It covers the entire ceiling. Otherwise a barrier should be installed between the joists below the dwarf wall and extending back to the outside wall. It is important to provide an airway over the insulation in the sloping part of the ceiling. Insulation shown is of the batt type without vapor barrier.



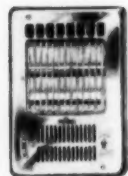


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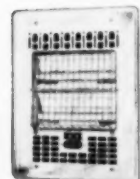
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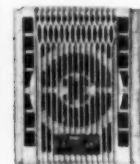
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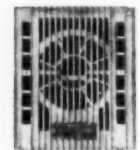
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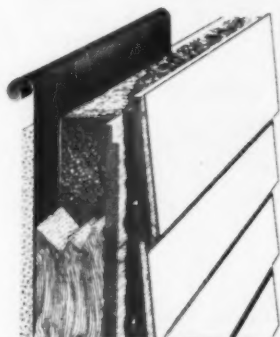
WITH BARRIER AND WITHOUT. The dry, clean, light-colored area at left protected against water vapor condensation by an impregnated Kraft paper type of vapor barrier. The dark, mildewed area at the right was left unprotected and is beginning to rot.

of paint as a barrier, however, is mostly in connection with existing buildings.

A good vapor barrier should permit not more than one grain of water vapor to pass through an area one foot square in one hour when the vapor pressure difference is calculated on the basis of one inch of mercury when tested by a dry method.

In contrast to the vapor barrier, the sheathing paper or sheathing used on the cold side of the wall should readily transmit water vapor and not confine it. It should be capable of passing five or more grains of water vapor per square foot, per hour, per inch of mercury when tested by a dry method.

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A VAPOR BARRIER is any material that retards water vapor from passing through the stud space into the outer wall. Coatings of aluminum paint, asphalt and varnish vehicle paint will do it in some cases, but usually an asphalt or other type of impregnated paper is tacked to the studding before the plaster is applied. Vapor barriers should be installed during the construction, without gaps. The difference between sheathing paper and vapor barrier paper or foil is that the former should permit water vapor to escape outwards.

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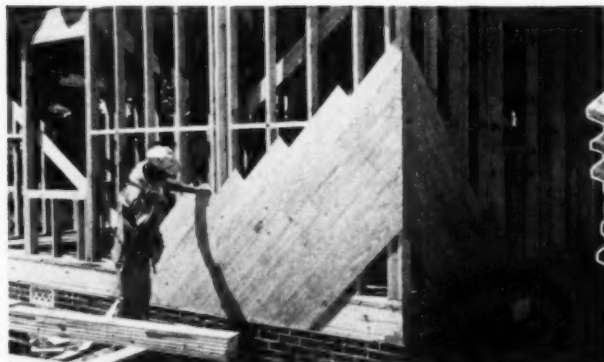
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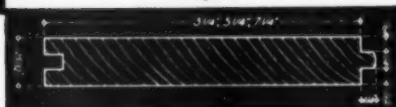
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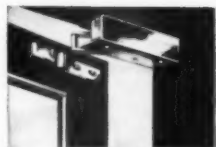
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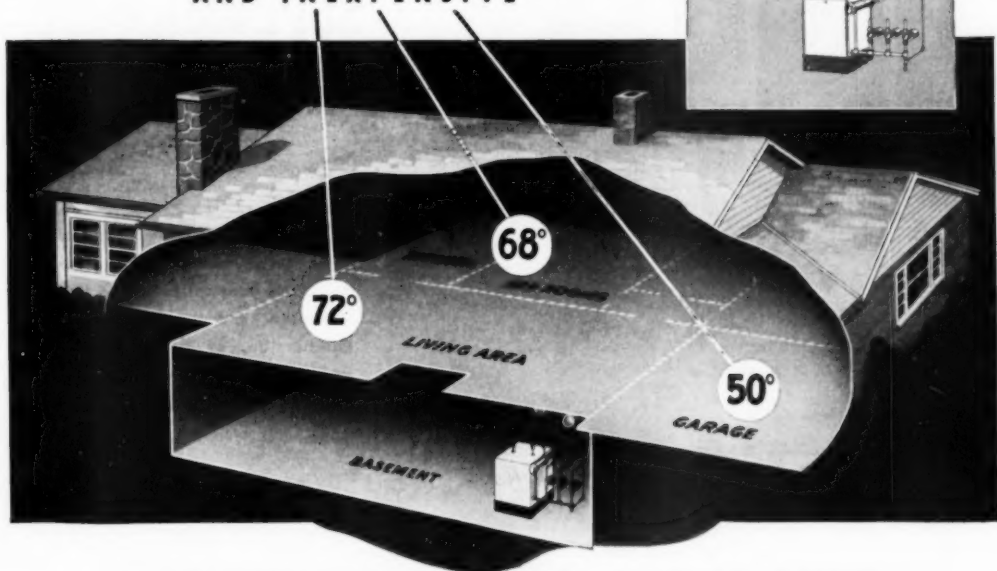
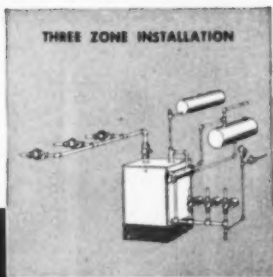
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Slanted windows of showroom are 12 feet high, have 9 degree pitch

Building Materials SUPERMARKET Boosts Cash Sales

By moving store and offices to a commanding State road site two miles away from the main yard, the J. H. Jackson Lumber Co. of Denville, N. J. has noted many new faces and a decided increase in cash sales

THIS new headquarters "works" for management in much the same way as does a modern park-and-shop food store. Location, design and interior arrangement all play an important part in selling a wide variety of products.

Situated in a large open area at a sweeping bend in one of Jersey's principal dual highways, it dominates the view of the oncoming motorist up to half a mile away. The striking appearance of the glass front holds the eye until one is close enough to see

dozens of gleaming new appliances and building products. By then, the appetite of many a prospective customer is whetted sufficiently to lead him inside for a better look.

After parking in the spacious black-topped area adjoining the window walls and entering through the Hercule doors, he will find over a dozen "islands" and other displays claiming his attention. One of the chief attractions is a complete, all-electric kitchen, which the owners credit with selling many full units "because the house-

wife can visualize exactly how it will look in her own home."

But the merchandising is only beginning with the displays. Most of the rear wall of the store, which partitions off the back of the building, is a demonstrator of stock materials available in the lumber yard and the show is continued in rooms behind this partition. Exterior finishes on the wall vary for each office and include dark brown cedar shingles, wide white clapboards and oak-stained clapboards. Doors used are solid, Dutch and the



Material display is presented realistically to aid customers and salesmen



Quick supply center—section of the 110-foot shed in back which houses almost all materials on hand in lumber yard



Seeability inside and out is the outstanding feature of this dealer showroom. Roman brick pylon highlights 140-foot glass facade

solid core V-joint type with leaded glass windows. There are fixed, picture and double-hung windows.

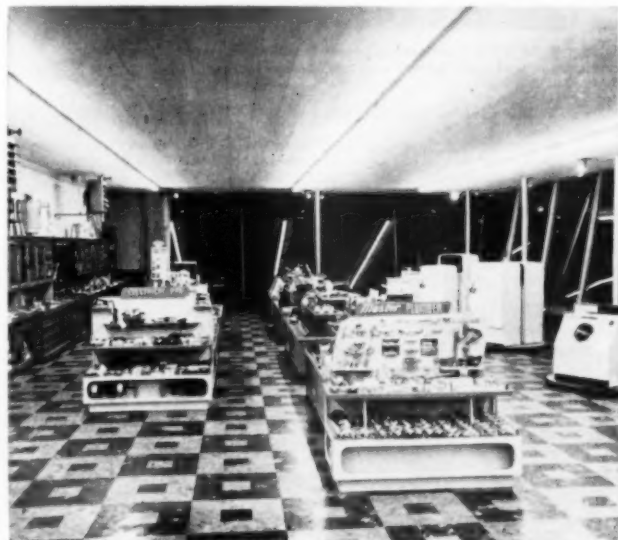
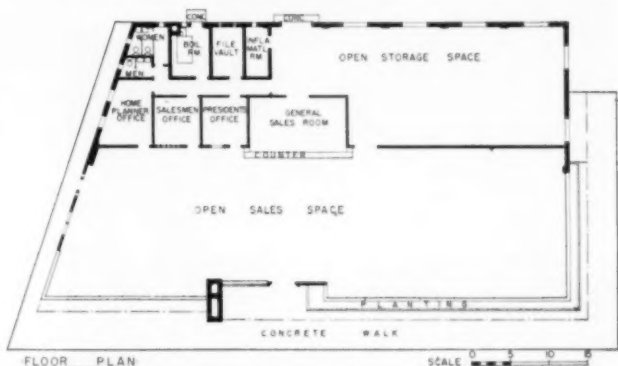
A home planners' office has walls of gypsum wallboard in knotty pine finish. The salesmen's room uses plywood paneling of knotty pine and birch. The president's office has knotty pine, Philippine mahogany and birch paneling.

In all this 140 x 70-foot building, there is but one counter, 30 feet long and centered along the rear partition. This is also of knotty pine, with a Micarta top. A break in this partition behind the counter opens onto the sales office, finished in knotty pine vertical boards and striated plywood panels. The remainder of the long interior partition is given over to cabinets displaying hardware, tools and paint. In back of this is a large storage room for the supplies in the display.

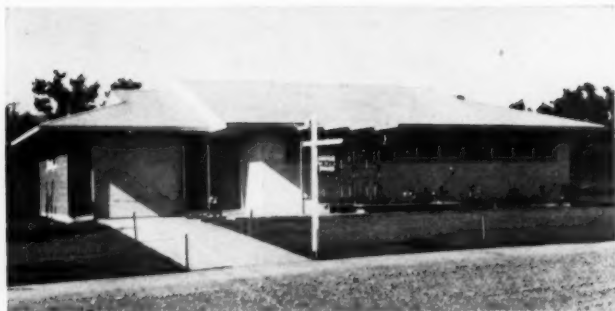
Behind the building is a 110 x 20-foot shed, to house part of nearly all materials on hand in the main lumber yard. A driveway open at either end separates the two buildings.

Three sons have succeeded their fathers to the power behind this enterprising lumber and hardware merchandising program, which began functioning at Rockaway in 1922 under the direction of Joseph H. Jackson and his brother-in-law, Silas Hiler. The firm's branch yard at Wharton, N.J., was managed by E. L. Danielson, who later became a vice president.

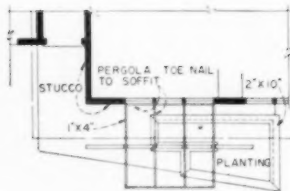
Floyd H. Jackson heads the present management, with Horace P. Hiler and Eskil L. Danielson as vice presidents. They have organized their new headquarters as a one-stop operation for builders or the man who wishes to build to order, with all details arranged from planning to financing.



Long fluorescent tube lighting is plainly reflected in the windows. This area is about one-third of the new store's salesroom



"Trendmaker" homes combine stucco and frame in the conventional exterior. Roof overhang shelters entrance. Planter boxes and lattice trim point up the design



Interior of the living area features beamed ceilings. Overhead planter trough and storage wall with lighting cove add modern touches

Floor to ceiling windows overlook patio and louvered fence



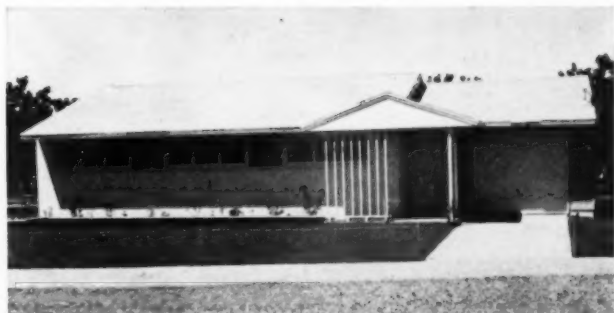
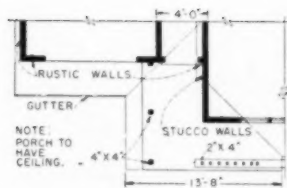
Fluted glass forms dinette-kitchen partition. Pass through from the kitchen to dinette facilitates serving meals

Embellish Your

A VARIETY of simple, effective entrances can do a lot to invite the interest of home buying prospects. The novel and varied entrances used on the "Trendmaker" houses in the Rancho Village development of William Blackwell, San Francisco builder, are a good example.

For the most part the roof overhang carries beyond the recessed doorways to create the sheltered entrances. Lattice trim, gables, and siding are used to enhance their design. In one instance the novel use of a wagon wheel at the entry effectively adds a Western touch to the ranch-style house.

Designed by Wollander and Associates of Tacoma, Wash., the houses have a single floor plan with eight exterior elevations. Exteriors are frame and stucco. Major fenestra-



Gable shelters the entrance on this model

Entrances to Increase Sales Appeal

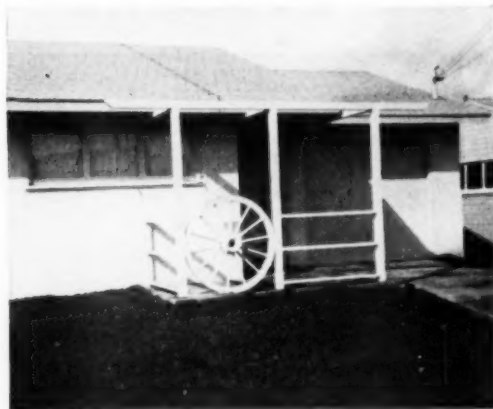
tion is at the back of the house where the living room overlooks the patio. Here, floor to ceiling windows are used. The bedrooms, which face the street, have clerestory windows.

Features of the house are the open plan of the living-dining-kitchen areas and the abundance of closets. The master bedroom has twin wardrobes, with single units in each of the other bedrooms.

Most of the interior wood surfaces were finished by applying white paint, wiping, and then waxing. Other wood areas are stained.

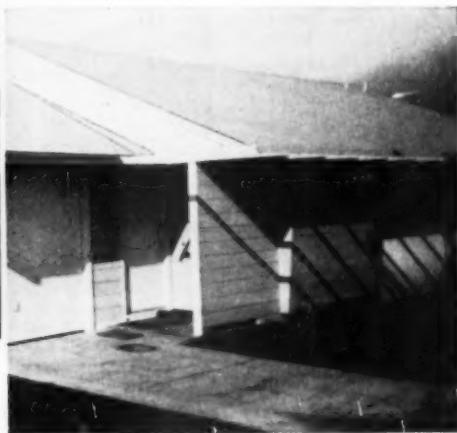
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Formica sink top	



Wall extension and roof overhang is another variation in entrances

Western motif is added to the ranch design by the wagon wheel entrance





Contemporary styling on a floating foundation to resist soil movement. Roof has 3 to 12 pitch, is built up with crushed white dolomite. Ridge projects one foot beyond rake line at eaves

Buils Air Conditioned Houses for the \$10,000 Market

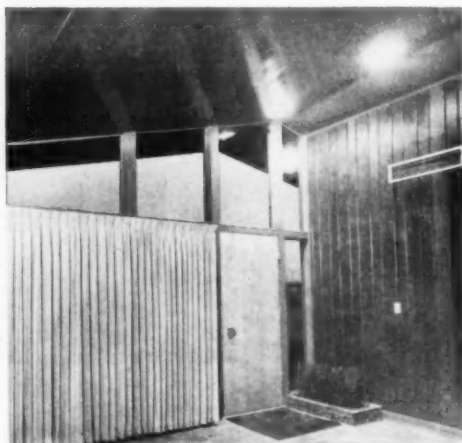
Not only summer-winter air conditioning, but storage-wall assemblies, stone-paved patios, and other touches add luxury to this design.

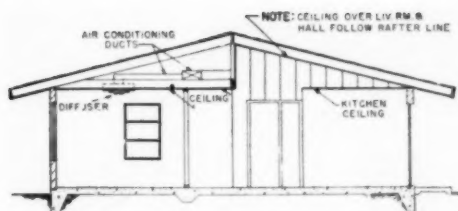
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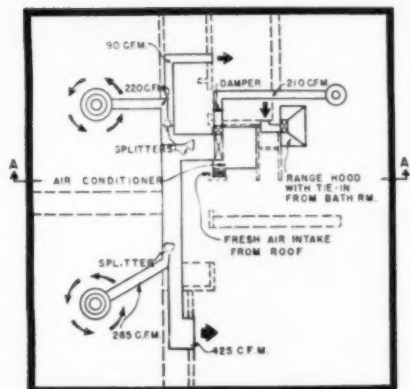


Plan has expandability in mind. A third bedroom can be added behind second bedroom. Door break for expansion is in end of storage closet. (Right) Low pitch of roof is used to create a sloping ceiling in living room and kitchen hall, giving a studio-like effect, with a sense of more space. Windows, except for glass wall of living room, are awning type that provide ventilation on days when the air cooling system isn't needed

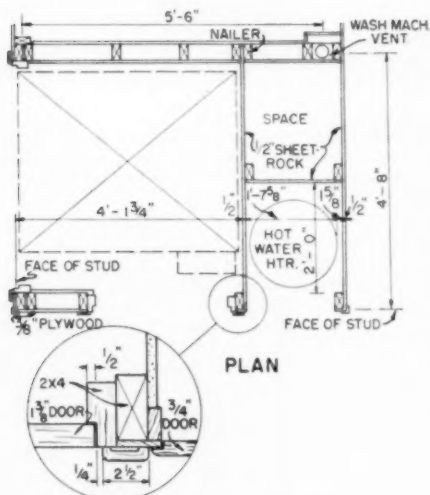




SECTION AA



Air conditioning unit combines a 3-ton refrigerated summer cooling unit with a gas-fired 150,000 BTU winter heater, from Automatic Firing Corp., St. Louis. The same ducts carry both hot and cold air. There is provision for air exhaust from kitchen and from bathroom.



AIR CONDITIONER AND HOT WATER HEATER CLOSET

Detail of air conditioner and hot water heater installation

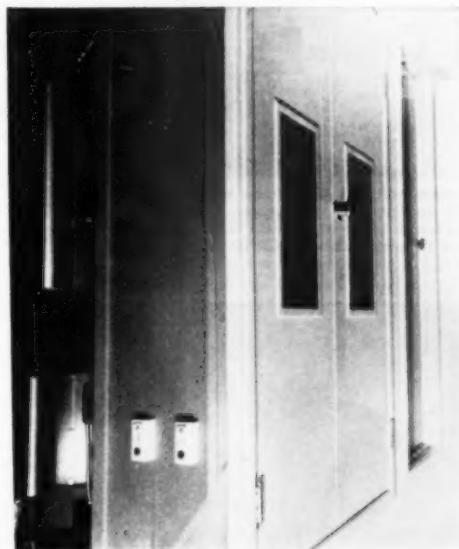


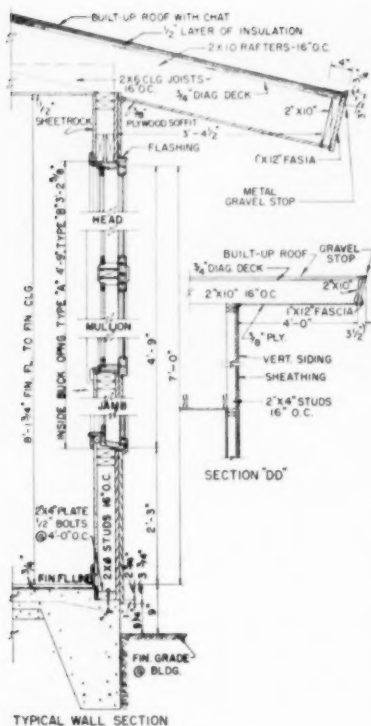
Kitchen includes a dishwasher sink, automatic washer, range and refrigerator. Fumes are carried off through the blower-operated hood of the range. Ceiling fixture is an air diffuser. Cabinets match the storage-wall partitions.

Bathroom medicine cabinet takes full advantage of the plumbing wall, has shelves 8 inches deep. For doors it has two sliding plate glass mirrors. This is a Hughes innovation.



Year-round air conditioner occupies a central closet, takes up floor space of only about 40 by 48 in.





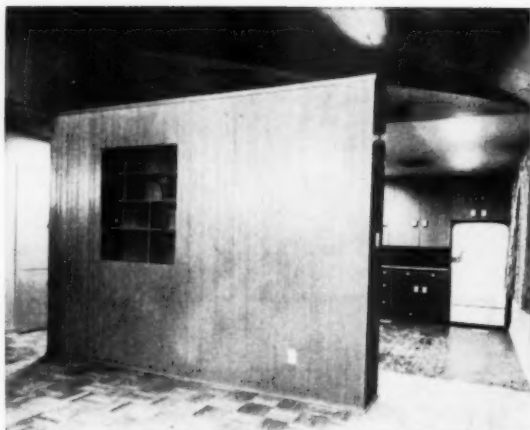
Typical wall section

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Storage wall in back bedroom has one wardrobe, one dressing table with mirror. These assemblies are bought completely finished and ready to install, from Fabricon, Inc., in Austin, Texas

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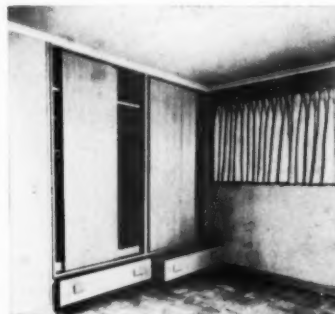


FRONT



BACK

Wall between living room and kitchen is a storage unit designed by Hughes to match the factory-built closet assemblies used in the bedrooms. Kitchen-side view of this wall also shows door to linen closet, opening off bedroom hall



Master bedroom has two wardrobe units. Striated plywood and rectangular wood pulls, made on the job, strike a modern note



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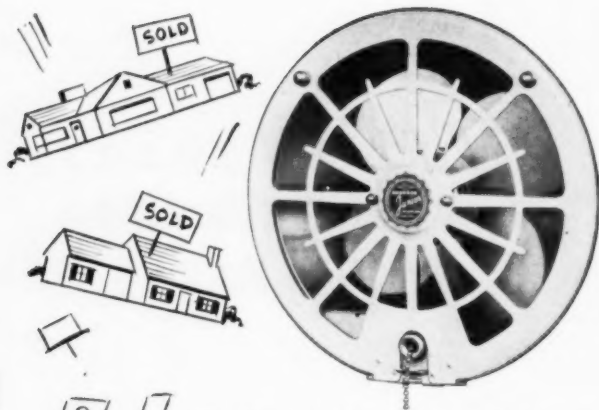
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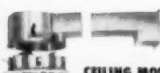
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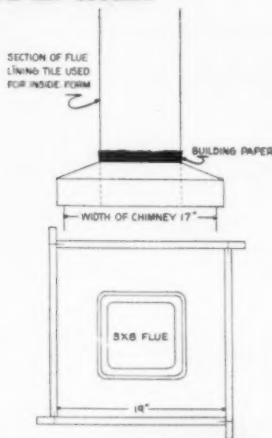
No. D-93 Garden Wind Screen

The garden wind screen shown on opposite page is a most unusual accessory. It can be built as indicated to conform to a rather generous garden setting, or it can be decreased in size by reducing the number of panels that may be required.

A unit of this type should be placed in the garden to act as a wind breaker, and should be located to conform to the prevailing breezes.

The angular tilt to wall and roof supports avoids any closed-in feeling that otherwise might prevail with straight vertical and horizontal members. Posts are imbedded in concrete piers with plywood gusset plates at intersection of wall and roof members providing the necessary supports for wood members. Walls and roof are covered with corrugated aluminum or alsynite sheets, or a combination of both as indicated in photograph, depending on the owner's needs.

Chimney Cap Made on the Ground



The concrete cap for a small 17-inch chimney can be made much easier on the ground by use of a form placed on any flat wood surface.

A section of flue lining tile is placed in the center and several layers of building paper are wrapped around the lower end, as shown. This provides an opening slightly larger than the tile and makes it easier to slip into place.

When placing on chimney, spread mortar on the top course of brick. Any opening between the cap and tile may be filled with mastic or caulking cement.—Arthur N. Nelson, Kansas City, Mo.

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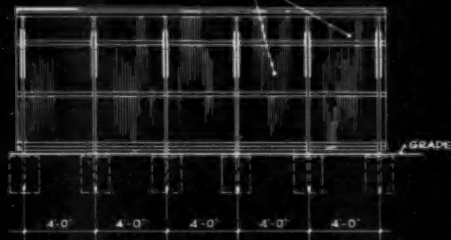
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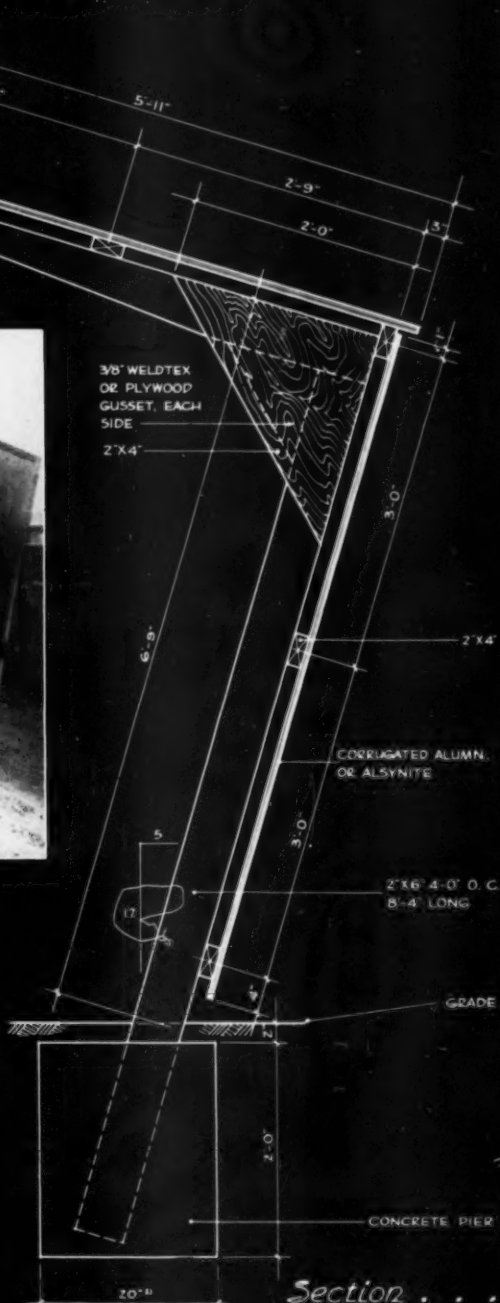
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No. G-33 Display Window

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Access to the window is through glass sliding doors. The sliding glass door frames match the store front sill moulding.

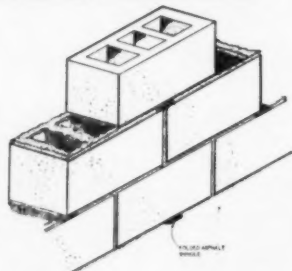
Building codes specified that the entire window must be of fireproof construction. The platform framing is made with steel angles bolted together. These rest on 6-inch concrete block bulkheads. The window floor is a reinforced concrete slab poured over a 1/4-inch cement asbestos board which is fitted between the flanges of the steel angle framing.

The valances are suspended from the ceiling on 1/4-inch channel hangers.

Lighting for the window consists of four tube fluorescent fixtures installed adjacent to each other for the entire length of the window. These fixtures are recessed above the ceiling, which is a metal egg-crate louvre.

The vestibule floor is terrazzo with red Verona marble chips, white portland cement and color pigment added. The bulkhead and valance facing is precast terrazzo with red Lavanto marble chips, white portland cement with dark color pigment added.

Nailing Blocks in Wall



An easy way to install nailing blocks in a concrete block wall is to have the mason fold a piece of asphalt shingle (3x4 inches after it is folded) and place in the mortar joint wherever nailing is desirable.—Frank Breznik, Export, Pa.

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AMERICAN BUILDER'S STORE FRONT DETAILS

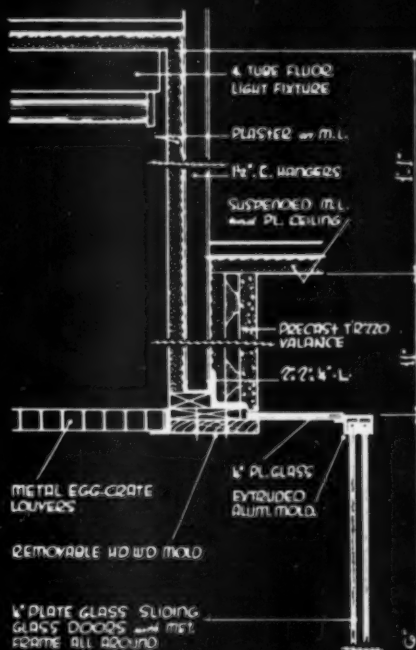
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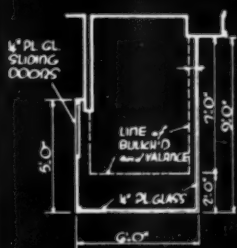
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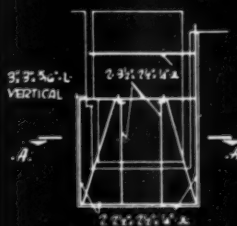
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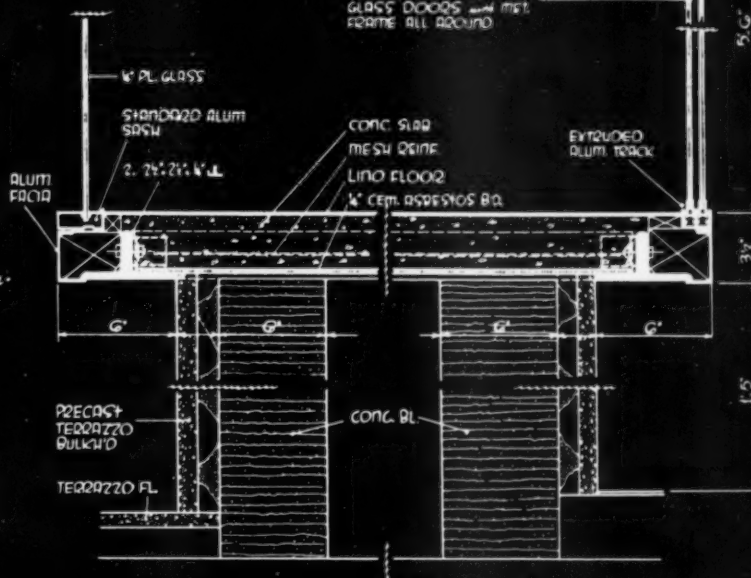
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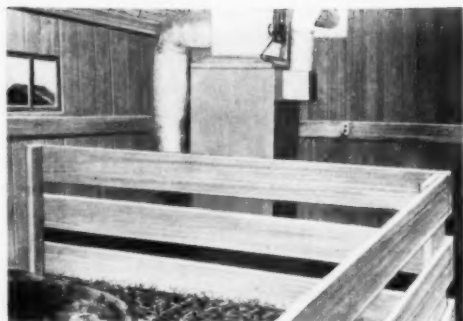
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Barn is heated by oil-fired forced-air furnace of same type used in home

How to Heat Modern Pig Farrowing Buildings

The large number of young pigs lost because of freezing to death or being crushed under the weight of the sow while trying to keep warm is an important problem for farmers. Agricultural engineers for years have been trying to find a solution which does not involve prohibitive expense.

Heat is a necessity during the farrowing period, and many methods now used for providing heat are far from satisfactory. Seeking an answer to this heating problem, the Majestic Company, manufacturers of warm-air heating units, aided by the agricultural engineering departments of two large midwestern universities, has been working on a design for a farrowing barn heated by an oil-fired forced-air furnace—the same type used in air conditioning the home.

From the research conducted, the company has presented two designs for a heated farrowing barn (see illustrations). Although they are basically the same, there has been some difference of opinion as to how the heat should be distributed.

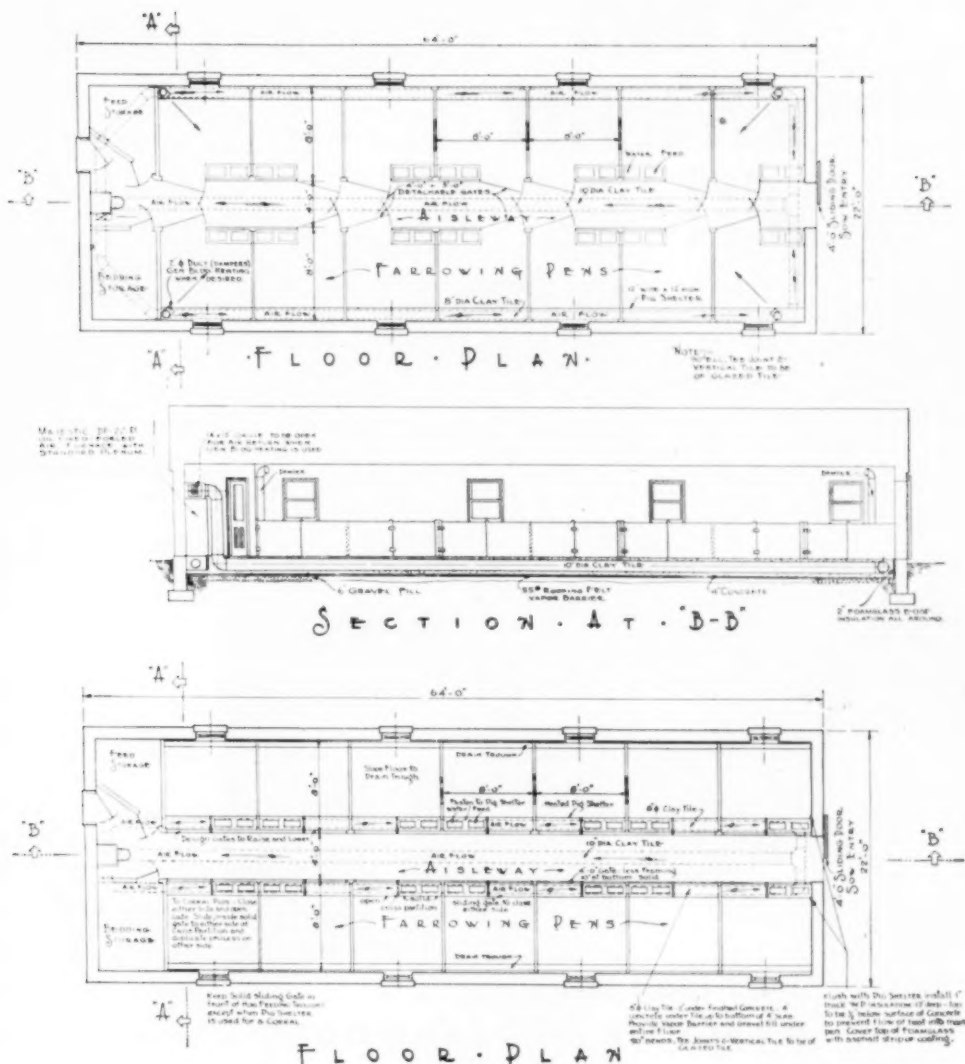
Both research groups agree that the heat should be distributed through ducts laid under the floor surface and then radiated through the floor; but the disagreement comes as to where the ducts should be. Therefore, two designs have been drawn: one with the ducts in the center section of the floor area, the other with the ducts running along outer walls in what is known as radiant perimeter heating.

The first view is taken with the idea that only the young



Farrowing pens are radiantly heated

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pigs need the heat, so there is no reason for warming the entire barn. With the ducts in the center section, the young pigs can be penned near the heat, while the sows, requiring little if any heat, can be allowed to move to cooler parts of the building.

In the other opinion, it is maintained that ducts running around the outer walls of the building are better situated to produce a uniform temperature throughout, since in the case of a large hog raiser, there will be pigs of varying age in the same barn.

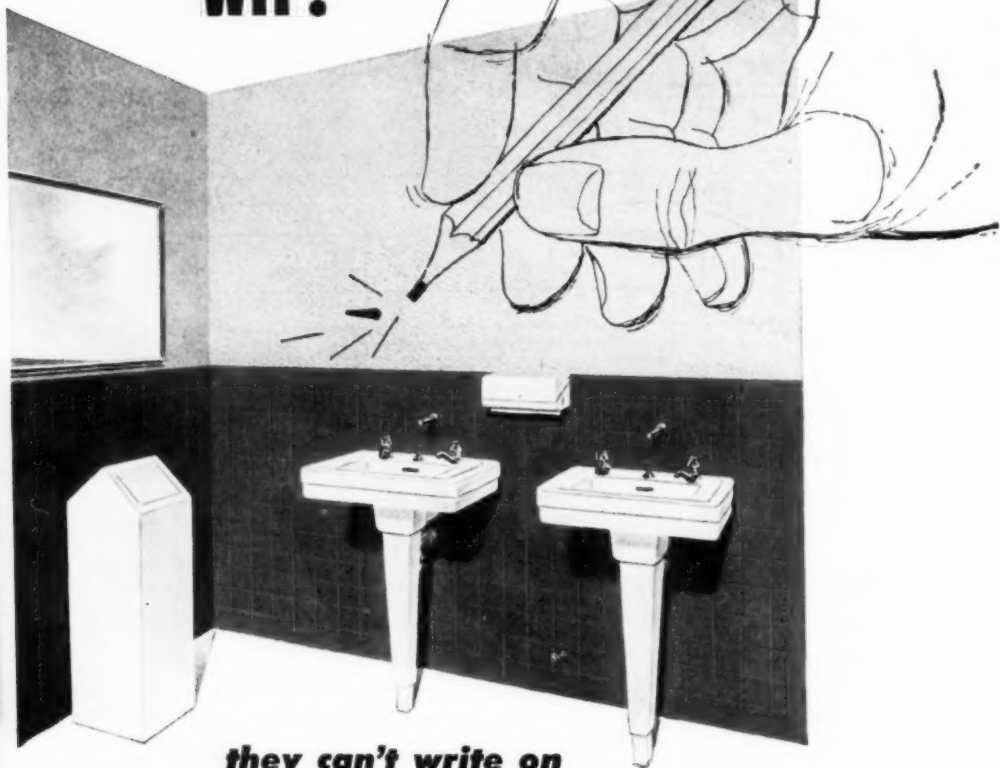
In either case, however, another purpose is served: the thermostatically-controlled heat, which can be maintained at any uniform temperature, makes possible reduction of heat to toughen the pigs for the time when they go out into the field.

This advantage, plus preventing many pigs from freez-

ing or being crushed, has made the heated farrowing barn a good investment for the hog raisers who have thus far tried it, the company said. These farmers have found they can average about nine and one-half pigs to the litter. The national average is a little over six. And since this year shows a good record in saving pigs, the furnace-heated method could be even more profitable in seasons when the saving average is not so high.

In some instances the weather is such that the young pigs are moved out of the farrowing barn in as short a time as one week, but it is usually two weeks or more. The company pointed out that since many hog raisers will run through 25 or 30 sows each spring and another 25 to 30 in the fall with a barn of this size, and others are starting "pig hatcheries" where production goes on 12 months of the year, exceptional savings are possible.

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TWIST NAIL FOR ASBESTOS SIDING

AB85217

This nail has been designed for use with non-wood sheathing. Made of a special alloy, having needle point heads, the nail is driven in the usual manner. It protrudes about an inch on the inside. With the aid of a special tool, a helper or an apprentice can twist the nail to hold the siding. This nail is supplied and included in the cost of the siding. The method can only be used in new construction. The Ruberoid Co., Dept. AB, 500 Fifth Ave., New York 18, N.Y.

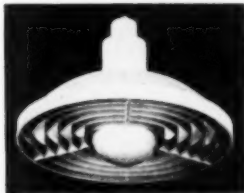


GARBAGE DISPOSER

AB85208

A low cost garbage disposer unit named "The Polverizer," is a compact 12-inch unit that can be used in new or remodeled construction. It actually measures 10 inches from the top to the middle of the drain outlet. It fits any standard 3 1/2 or 4-inch sink drain. It is powered with a 1/4 H.P. electric motor. The user turns on the cold water, flips the switch, and feeds the waste. Cutting elements and housing are of high grade rust-proof steel. The unit is factory guaranteed for 12 months. Pioneer Polverizer Co., Dept. AB, 3131 San Fernando Rd., Los Angeles 65, Calif.

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PORTABLE SPOT ADAPTER

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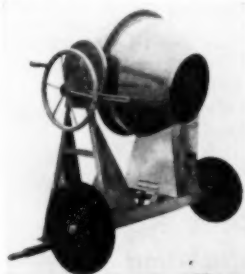
Can be used in any operation receptacle and swiveling device. The 100 watt unit is 5 1/2 inches high and provides a complete shielding of the light source. It can be relamped without removing the lower. Silvray Lighting, Inc., Dept. AB, 100 W. Main St., Bound Brook, N. J.



SPINED INSULATING TILE

AB85231

The exposed spline joint on all four edges of the tile enables the material to be applied directly to open framing without the use of furring strips or other preparation. Panels may be side or end matched, erected horizontally or vertically. Sized in units of 16 inches, they fit standard construction. The 1/2-inch splines are furnished in natural fiber-board but variety can be achieved by using other and wider 1/4 inch thick materials. The Celotex Corp., Dept. AB, 120 S. LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill.



CONCRETE MIXER

AB85209

A 3 1/2 cubic foot, end discharge mixer trade-named "Marspeed Econo-Master" features a ring gear integrally cast with the load balanced drum for better alignment and smoother operation. Drum drive shaft and yoke are mounted on roller bearings. Charging and discharging are made easier by a geared tilting mechanism and friction brake lever which locks the drum at any desired angle in its complete swing. Power and drive are provided by an air cooled gas engine and roller chain on machine cut, steel sprockets. Gilson Brothers Co., Dept. AB, 23 W. Gilson, Fredonia, Wis.



SUMMER AIR CONDITIONER

AB85202

Converts any forced warm air heating system into an all-year conditioning system. The unit utilizes the duct work, blower, and filters of the present system and can be installed in either new or existing homes. It requires only two connections to the duct system, hook-up to the water supply, drain, and electrical connections. Built in 2, 3, and 5 H.P. models it has an angle iron frame with heavy gauge removable panels. A three-position switch permits cooling or ventilating. Built-in thermostat provides automatic control of room temperature. United States Air Conditioning Corp., Dept. AB, 3300 Como Ave. S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

PRIMER-SEALER

AB85214

A rubberized emulsion sealer thinned with a quart of water is recommended by the manufacturer to be used as a vapor barrier. If applied according to directions, the material should cover 500 square feet per gallon on smooth finish plaster and 125 square feet per gallon on porous board. After the sealer has been allowed to dry for 24 hours, a finish coat of Sotol Luminall is then applied. Packaged in fives, gallons and quarts, the material can be tinted and also used under other types of paint products. Luminall Paints, Dept. AB, 3717 S. May St., Chicago 9, Ill.



ROLLER DOORS

AB85203

The complete roller door package has all hardware installed. The unit has two revolving roller guides operating on a head track. The weight of the roller door is supported by two vulcanized rubber rollers on the finished floor. Installed in thirty minutes, the unit uses a flush hollow core Hasko door available in a wide variety of hardwoods. Two styles and a wide variety of widths are offered to fit normal passageways, closets, or room openings. Hasko-Lite Manufacturing Co., Dept. AB, 701 Ann St., Grand Rapids 2, Mich.

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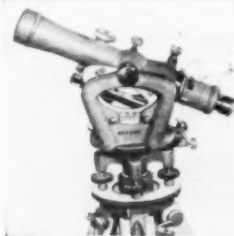
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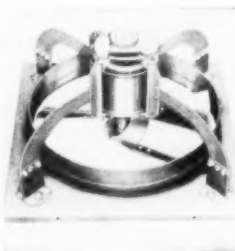
ENGINEERING INSTRUMENTS **AB85204**

Moderately priced surveying instruments are available for builders and contractors. A convertible transit level, a heavy duty 12 inch dumpy level, a farm level, and a hand level have been added to this manufacturer's line. Though the new instruments have been simplified, the manufacturer claims they have rugged construction and are precise. C. L. Berger and Sons, Inc., Dept. AB, 37 Williams St., Boston 19, Mass.



GARAGE DOOR WEATHERSEAL **AB85221**

Squee-Gee forms a tight weatherseal at the bottom of upward-acting garage doors, and tends to level uneven surfaces. It also minimizes danger of the door freezing to the concrete. The live rubber product can be installed on any old or new door. United Products Co., Dept. AB, 152 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee 3, Wis.



EXHAUST FAN **AB85206**

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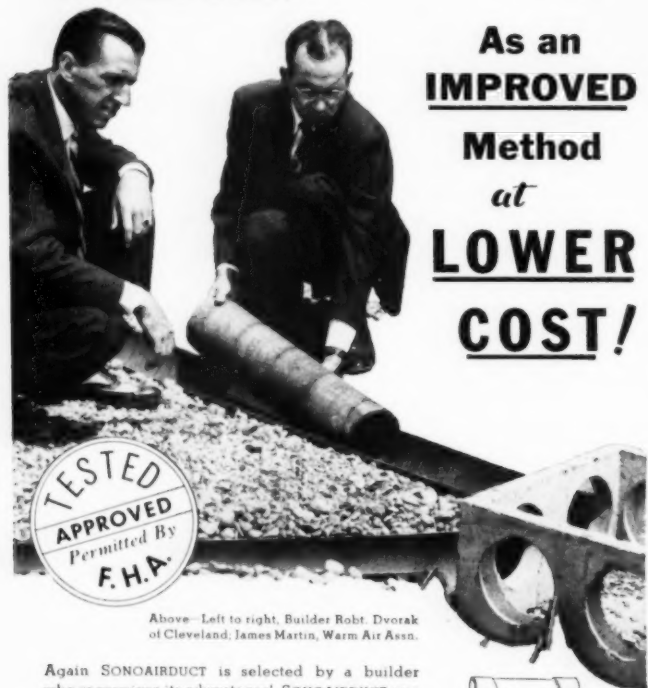
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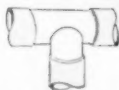
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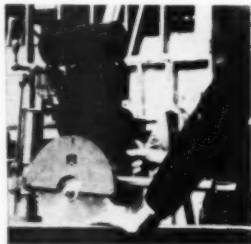
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ADJUSTABLE IRONING BOARD AB85210

While this ironing board is either in the open or closed position, it can be raised or lowered in any of 18 notches. After the positioning, it is automatically locked. A regular and sleeve ironing board are contained in the 6-foot 8-inch high, 4-inch deep, and 14-inch wide cabinet. Rieter Company, Dept. AB, Cedarburg, Wis.



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A radial arm saw powered by a gasoline engine has been developed for use in areas not served with electric power. Capable of mitering, beveling, or compound mitering, the tool takes a 10-inch blade and cuts 3/4 inches deep with 15 inch travel. It also takes a 13/16 inch dado head. R. W. Hendrick Co., Dept. AB, 11 Selman St., Marblehead, Mass.

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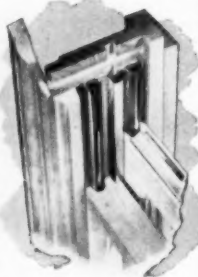
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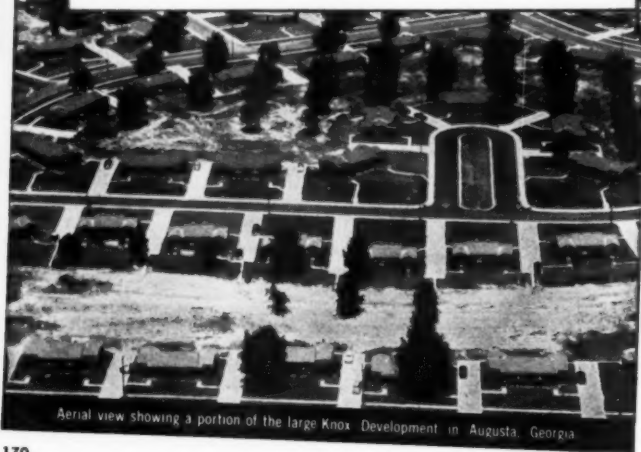
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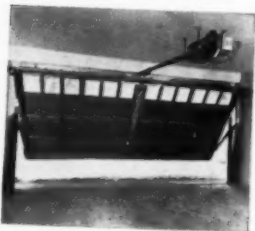
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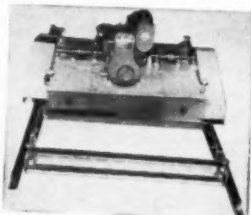
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GARAGE DOOR CONTROL AB85212

A remote controlled garage door operator with the starter located on the car dash is on the market. It operates on 110 volts A.C. current. The unit requires a 3- to 7-inch headroom and will operate single or double width doors. In case of power failure, a flip of the lever disengages the electronic controls and the door can be operated manually. Garage and lawn lights may be synchronized with the door control. Sterling Electronic Door Control Corp., Dept. AB, Sterling, Ill.



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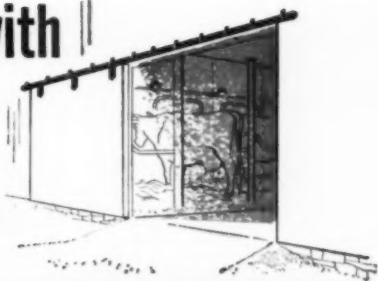
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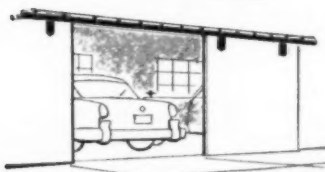
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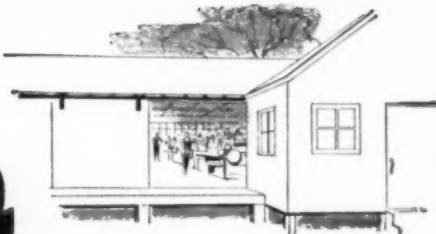
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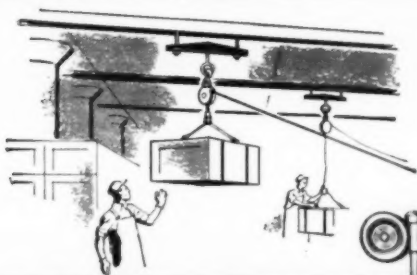
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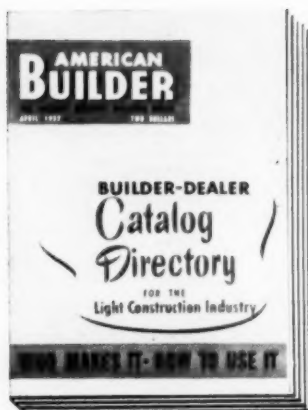
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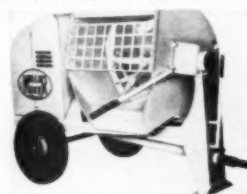
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GARBAGE CONTAINER

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The swing-away garbage container is a unit that fastens to the inside of the kitchen cabinet door. When the cabinet door is opened the unit swings out and the cover pops up automatically. When the door is closed, the cover closes tightly. A simple trip mechanism which operates the cover prevents it from striking the front of the cabinet. The complete unit is built of heavy gauge metal with the outer container painted white. Leigh Building Products Div., Air Control Products, Inc., Dept. AB, Coopersville, Mich.



PLASTER AND MORTAR MIXER ABBS219

A six cubic foot capacity plaster and mortar mixer has an everlasting shaft seal which replaces the conventional stuffing boxes and packing. According to the manufacturer the seal reduces friction loss and alleviates wear on the paddle shaft. The company guarantees the seal against replacement for the life of the mixer. Mueller Machinery Co., Inc., Dept. AB, 248 Whitman Ave., Metuchen, N.J.



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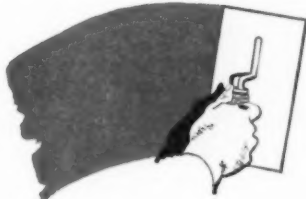
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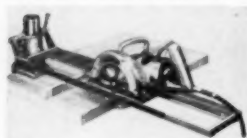
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SAW GUIDE

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This new saw guide quickly converts an electric powered hand saw into a radial saw. The unit weighs 26 pounds and is easily attached to a small platform or two saw horses. With simple adjustments cross-cuts, bevel-cuts, miters, bevel-miters, rips, and bevel rips can be made. It is made for Skilsaw models 77, 825, 87, and other popular makes that have a base width of 4-13/16 to 5 1/4 inches. The saw guide has a radial range of 120 degrees, 60 to the right and left, and a bevel capacity of 45 degrees. Maximum cut-off capacity is 17 inches while the maximum ripping capacity is 28 inches. Skilsaw, Inc., Dept. AB, 5033 Elston Ave., Chicago 30, Ill.



STEEL AND LEAD ANCHOR

AB85223

Steel supplements lead as an anchoring medium in this device which can be used wherever machine screws, stove bolts, or wood screws must be anchored in brick and masonry. The principal features are a threaded insert, lead sleeve, and a cup-shaped fluted steel anchor. When driven into place the lead mushrooms out and then the steel anchor collapses, forcing its sharp edges into the masonry and the threaded component. A tamping tool and a blow tube are available. Super Grip Anchor Bolt Co., Inc., Dept. AB, 1412 Packard Blvd., Philadelphia 2, Pa.



DUAL WALL FURNACE

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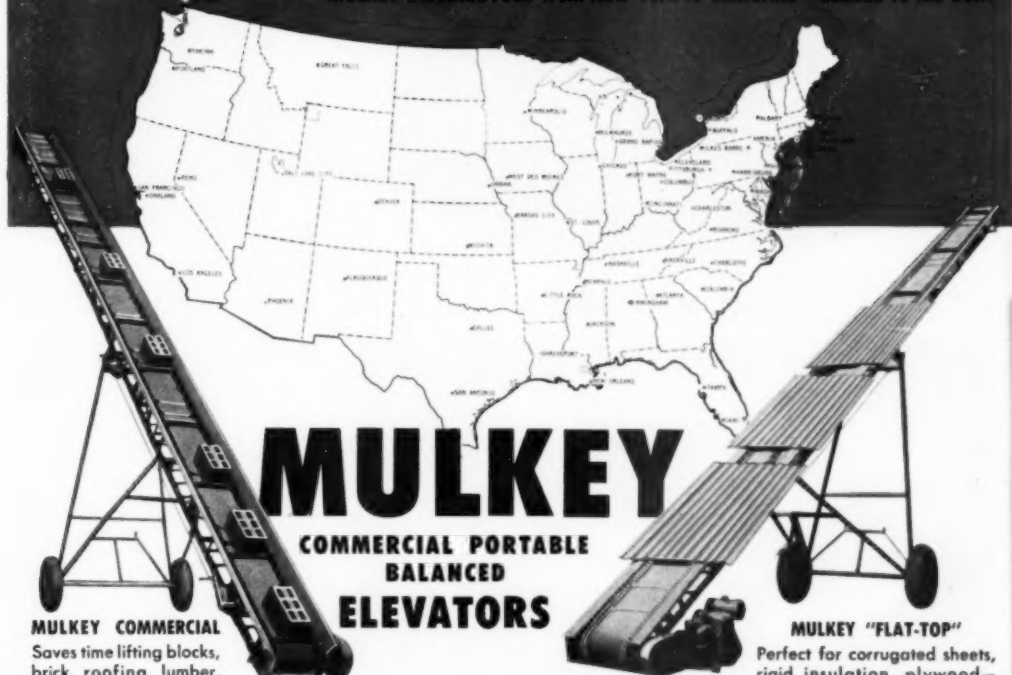
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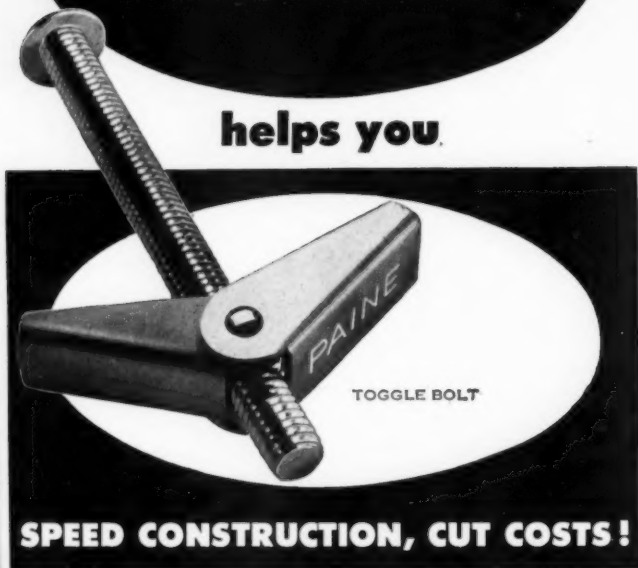
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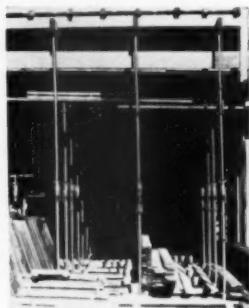
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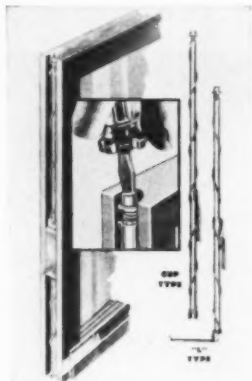


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This self-contained, telescoping steel shore is handled by one man and permits micro-adjustments of five feet. Three sizes cover a range from six feet to 15½ feet above the mounting surface. Height ranges in the three sizes are 6-11 feet, 8-13 feet and 10½-15½ feet. Load capacities are as high as 9,900 pounds with an adequate safety factor. Safway Steel Products, Inc., Dept. AB, 6234 W. State St., Milwaukee 2, Wis.

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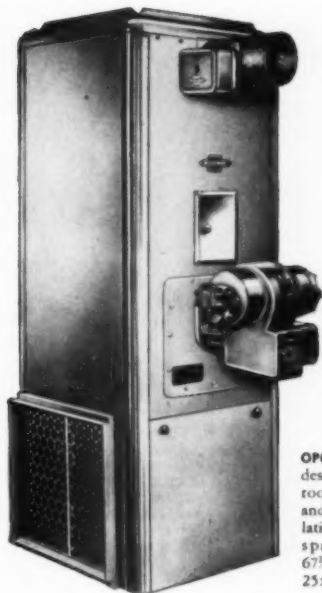
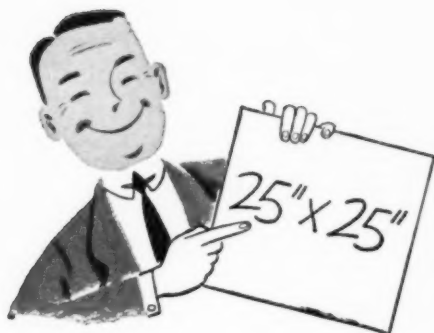


SASH BALANCE AB85226

This is a completely concealed sash balance that can be adjusted with an ordinary screw driver at any time during or after installation without removing screws or detaching the balance from the sash. The balances are manufactured to fit a wide variety of sash sizes and weights. The Turner and Seymour Manufacturing Co., Dept. AB, Lawton St., Torrington, Conn.

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COMBINATION TOOL SET AB85227

The set consists of six auger bits and three chisels in a cherry wood case. The Acrobore auger bits are in $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, and one inch sizes. The Witherby woodchuck chisels are in $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, and one inch sizes. The case when opened reveals each tool in its own individual recess. John H. Graham and Co., Dept. AB, 105 Duane St., New York 8, N.Y.



BUILDER'S HARDWARE AB85208

Five builder's hardware items are now being made in pressure-cast aluminum. The line includes door stop, sash fastener, coat and hat hook, bar sash lift, and a hand rail bracket. The manufacturing process gives the products a smooth finish, strong, durable, and rust-proof. Attractively styled and economically priced, the items can be supplied either in satin aluminum or burnished brass. The American Hardware Corp., Dept. AB, New Britain, Conn.



MODULAR DOUBLE-HUNG WINDOW AB85228

This modular weather-stripped window features removable sash. Shipped knocked down it contains a spring screw assembly device which firmly anchors the friction pressure-type weather strip. A slight turn on the screw adjusts the metal strip to the requirements of the frame and sash. Stock sash, screens and storm windows are available. The frame can be adapted to walls of varying thicknesses. The unit is treated for water repellent qualities. The Malta Manufacturing Co., Dept. AB, Malta, Ohio.



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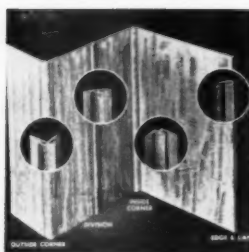
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MATCHING MOULDINGS

Moldings of extruded aluminum with a plastic laminated surface are used to achieve a continuous wall pattern with no noticeable break between panels. This solid wall method eliminates the need for use of different molding materials which interrupt the continuity of wood grained panels, states the manufacturer. The moldings are produced to fit the company's $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch-thick Lamidall panels. Woodall Industries, Inc., Dept. AB, 3500 Oakton St., Skokie, Illinois.

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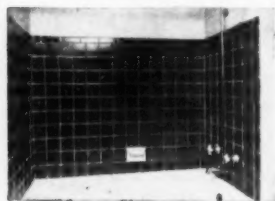


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261—BOLT CUTTERS—Reversible jaws in this bolt cutter are explained in a two page folder. When the first set of blades becomes dull they can be exchanged. The second page describes a hand-operated hydraulic cutter. The hydraulic unit is 21 inches long and weighs 12 pounds. It can cut 1/2-inch reinforcing rod and is capable of exerting up to 10 tons thrust. Manco Mfg. Co., Dept. AB, Bradley, Ill.



262—AWNING WINDOWS

—Information desired by architects and builders on these windows along with tips on how to obtain the utmost in window performance, are graphically illustrated in this booklet. The standard rules have been reduced to a ten point check list. The booklet, entitled "What Is Important In A Window," is available from Auto-Lok Wood Windows, Ludman Corp., Dept. AB, Box 4541, Miami, Fla.



263—PORTABLE VISE—

A four page folder explains the portability and the unusual tasks that can be performed by the multi-vise. The unit is all steel and weighs 28 pounds. It has a 360 degree vertical swivel, a horizontal swivel, or a double horizontal or vertical swivel. The unit can be removed from the bench plate and carried to another location or used as a clamp without the bench plate. Jaw capacity is 6 inches square or 5 3/4 inches round. American Implement Co., Dept. AB, 2523 Taylor St., Omaha, Nebr.



264—LAMINATED WOOD

MEMBERS—A 16-page catalog on glued laminated wood structural members has practical information for builders. Included are laminated arches, trusses, and beams for the construction of churches, gymnasiums, hangers, stores, warehouses, factory buildings, and one-story schools. Many details and charts on the uses of the products are included. Rilco Laminated Products, Inc., Dept. AB, First National Bank Building, St. Paul 1, Minn.



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265—FLOOR MAINTENANCE—This twelve page booklet is a practical guide on the care, cleaning, and refinishing of all types of floors. Information covers, asphalt, cork, concrete, linoleum, magnesite, marble, rubber, terrazzo, and wood floors. In each case the booklet tells what procedure does the best refinishing job. The booklet is especially helpful to those builders doing remodeling work. A. C. Horn Co., Inc., Subsidiary of Sun Chemical Corp., Dept. AB, Long Island City 1, N. Y.



266—STEEL BUILDINGS—This brochure describes prefabricated sectional type steel buildings. Designs are multiples of two feet, beginning at six feet and extending up to eighty feet; height of the panels varies from eight feet up to thirty feet. Size, quantity, and location of windows are optional. Many details are included in the booklet. Geo. L. Mesker Steel Corp., Dept. AB, 400 N.W. First St., Evansville, Ind.



267—FORM FREE DECORATED CLAY WALL TILE—"Unlimited Decorative Opportunities at Your Fingertips" is a colorful, eight-page folder describing a line of clay wall tile in 6x6-inch size. The booklet has full color illustrations of the patterns and the flexibility of design. Many black and white sketches illustrate the unusual decorative effects achieved with this wall surface material. The Mosaic Tile Co., Dept. AB, 1949 Pershing Ave., Zanesville, Ohio.



268—MERCURY SWITCHES—A 64-page catalog shows the Mercoide Company's full line of mercury switches. With each mercury device is a photograph, a complete description of its use, and charts on what size best fits the need. Wiring diagrams for thermostats and various conversion tables are included in the catalog. A complete list of control applications and products best suitable for different jobs is included. The Mercoide Corp., Dept. AB, 4201 Belmont Ave., Chicago 41, Ill.



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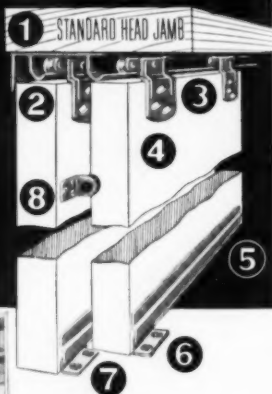
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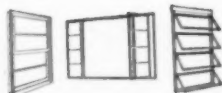
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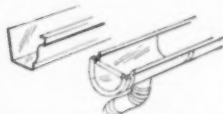
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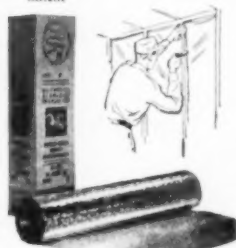
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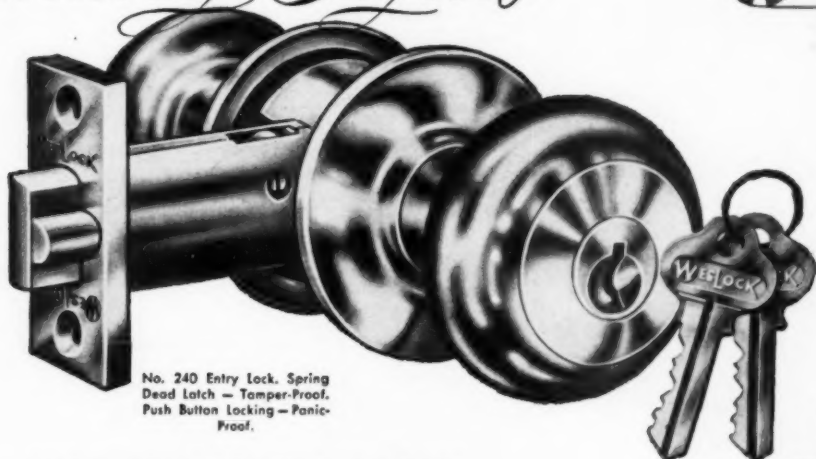
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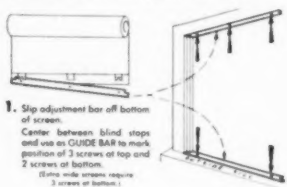
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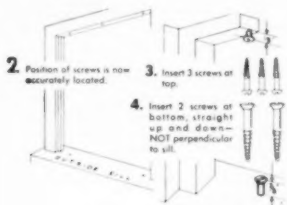
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2. Position of screws is now accurately located.

3. Insert 3 screws at top.

4. Insert 2 screws at bottom, straight up and down—NOT perpendicular to sill.



6. Hang screen from top screws.



5. Replace GUIDE BAR.

7. Slip bottom clips over screen.

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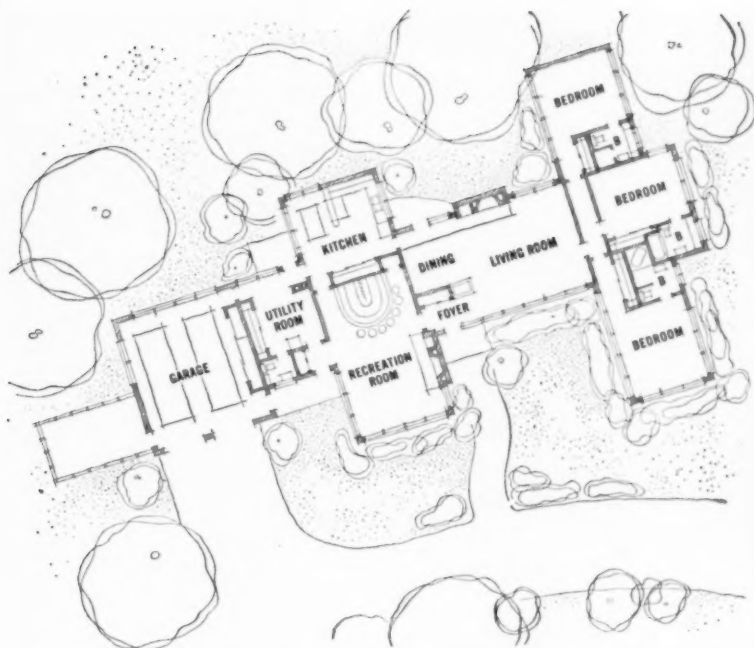
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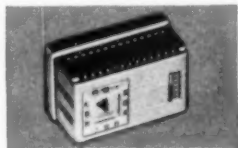
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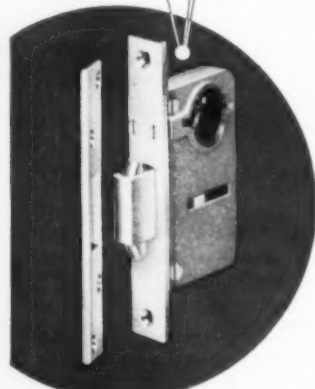
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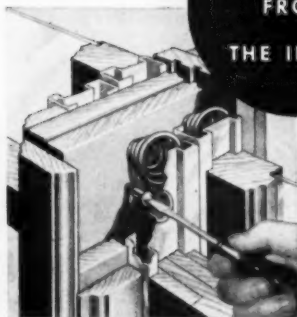


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COMPLETING EXTERIOR of House No. 2

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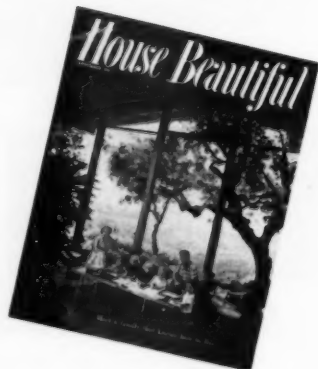
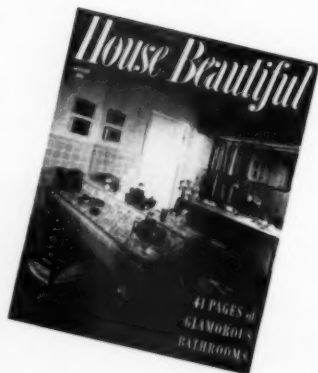
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Profit Builders from SEPTEMBER *House Beautiful*

FIREPLACE ACCESSORIES

99. FLEXSCREEN

"FLEXSCREEN'S 20th Anniversary" advertising includes full-page four-color space. Other "Flexscreen 20th Anniversary" developments: Easier installation, smoother spark-curtain operation through mechanical improvements in established lines. An appealing new "Headed" design minimizes stocking and selling. A new Chicago shipping-service point, 501 Pennsylvania Ave., Glen Ellyn, Ill., cuts mid-west delivery time and costs.

ROOFING & SIDING

114. CAREY PINE-CHEX SHINGLES

115. JOHNS-MANVILLE SMOOTH-GRAIN ASBESTOS SIDING

SURFACING MATERIALS

A. WALLS & CEILINGS

116. BLUE RIDGE PATTERNED GLASS

117. BROWN'S SUPERCEDAR CLOSET LINING

118. MISSISSIPPI SMOOTH ROUGH WIRE GLASS

119. PITTSBURGH-CORNING GLASS BLOCKS

101. STRAHAN WALLPAPERS

120. U. S. PLYWOOD "NOVOPLY"

NOVOPLY, the sensational new, all-wood panel developed by United States Plywood Corporation, is not only a beautiful panel but one with unusual properties. Its chief feature is its remarkable flatness - it is the flattest wood panel ever made, making it ideal for sliding doors, cabinet work, wall paneling, furniture and many other applications.

121. U. S. QUARRY "ROMANY" TILE

"VARITILE," is a distinctive ROMANY REAL CLAY TILE with a simplified fluted surface that achieves a most attractive tone variation through light reflection. Extremely popular as a wall covering in bathrooms and other residential areas. Water, stain and fire resistant. Easily cleaned. Many attractive colors. Product of United States Quarry Tile Co., Canton, Ohio.

102. WARREN WALLPAPERS "WATERHOUSE" COLLECTION

B. FLOORS

49. GOODYEAR VINYL-TILE

50. KENRUBBER FLOOR TILE

Free full color catalog shows rich, vibrant colors which make KENRUBBER perfect for

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the floors in your home. Kenrubber stays lovely despite heavy traffic. Smooth nonporous surface is amazingly easy to clean and keep sparkling. Also receive a free, easy to follow, instruction booklet showing how to install these distinctive floors yourself.

51. PARCO CALIFORNIA ORIGINALS
IN LINOLEUM
47. ROBERTS "SMOOTHEDGE" CARPET
INSTALLATION

WOODWORK

122. MALARKEY PLYWOODS
123. WESTERN PINES WOODWORK

DOORS, WINDOWS, & EQUIPMENT

124. ANGEL DOORS
125. ANDERSEN "WINDOWALLS"
126. CURTIS "SILENTEDGE" WINDOWS
100. FLEXALUM VENETIAN BLINDS
FLEXALUM VENETIAN BLINDS custom made with exclusive spring-tempered aluminum slats that snap back to shape and plastic tape that wipes clean with a damp cloth.
127. GATE CITY WOOD AWNING WINDOWS
AWNING WINDOWS.—The horizontal sash open outward and upward; adjusted by a handle located below the sill. Open fully for 100% ventilation, tilt to any angle to control drafts, shed rain and protect interiors, guard against prowlers, and close tight for all weather protection. Screens inside. Gate City Sash & Door Co.
128. GLIDE WINDOWS
"Sliding Walls of Glass with Lifetime Beauty" is the theme of the GLIDE WINDOW AND DOOR advertisement in House Beautiful. Glide is the only manufacturer of horizontal sliding windows and doors using lifetime aluminum. The only manufacturer of a sliding unit to pass the Pittsburgh Air Infiltration Test. For Distributor information, Catalog, Write Glide, Inc., 7463 Varna, North Hollywood, California.
129. KOOLVENT ALUMINUM AWNINGS
106. NATIONAL GUARD ADJUSTABLE
SCREEN DOOR GRILLES
September quarter-page featuring the FLAMINGO and MALLARD SCREEN DOOR GRILLE designs will climax a hard-hitting summer campaign by NATIONAL GUARD PRODUCTS, manufacturers of adjustable screen door grilles and window guards. Sales sheet and price list available upon request from National Guard Products, 540 Jackson Ave., Memphis, Tennessee.

130. BUSCO COMBINATION WINDOWS
131. WIN-DOR JALOUSIES

PAINTS & FINISHES

103. CABOT'S RANCH HOUSE HUES

HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

132. AMERICAN-STANDARD BASEBOARD HEATING
133. B & G HYDRO-FLO HEATING
134. CHRYSLER AIR-TEMP
135. CLEVELAND TORIDHEET AUTOMATIC
HEATING
136. G. E. HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING
137. HEATILATOR
HEATILATOR FIREPLACE — the original heat circulating fireplace. Assures complete satisfaction, circulates heat to all corners of the room. Will not smoke. Adds little to fireplace cost. Proved by 25 years use. No limit to mental design. Rugged construction. Write Heatilator, Inc., E. Brighton and Glen Aves., Syracuse 5, N. Y., for complete information and attractive folio of fireplace designs.
138. MUELLER CLIMATROL
139. NU-WAY HEATING
140. SUPERIOR "HEATFORM" FIREPLACE
"HEATFORM," heat circulating fireplace House Beautiful September advertisement invites readers to send to Superior Fireplace Co., at Los Angeles or Baltimore for name of nearest dealer and free 8-page folder providing complete information on HEATFORM before building or remodeling their fireplaces. Dealers requiring additional information please write manufacturers.
141. 141. WILLIAMSON WARM AIR HEATER
* WEBSTER BASEBOARD HEATING

142. WATERMAN-WATERBURY
"COMFORTROL" HEATING

SANITARY EQUIPMENT A. BATHROOM FIXTURES

143. W. A. CASE BATHROOM FIXTURES
Coupon inquiry analysis shows the importance people attach to positive protection from overflow due to bowl stoppage, an exclusive design feature of this top-quality closet. Consistent promotion of this customer benefit by W. A. CASE & SON MFG. CO. sells today's value-conscious public.
144. ELJER FINE PLUMBING FIXTURES

B. WATER HEATERS

61. BRYANT AUTOMATIC GAS WATER HEATING
63. PERMAGLAS WATER HEATERS

MAJOR APPLIANCES

60. BLACKSTONE HOME LAUNDRY
In designing its combination laundry BLACKSTONE recognized the trend towards compact room arrangements of major appliances and offers a complete laundry unit which takes care of all washing, drying, and ironing chores . . . automatically, and yet requires only 4 feet of floor space. See unit at leading Blackstone dealers or in advertising pages of September House Beautiful.
62. HOBART KITCHENAID DISHWASHER
64. PHILCO FREEZER
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KITCHEN CABINETS

11. GENERAL ELECTRIC TEXOLITE FOR
COUNTER TOPS
69. GENEVA MODERN KITCHENS
70. KITCHEN MAID KITCHENS
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HARDWARE

104. LECO-LATCH
105. STERLING HARDWARE

HOME ELEVATORS

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COMMUNICATION

95. HUTONE DOOR CHIMES

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146. CUTLER-HAMMER MULTI-BREAKER

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- * BRIGGS & STRATTON GASOLINE ENGINES
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* MAJESTIC OUTDOOR FIREPLACE UNIT

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52. CARRIER WEATHERMAKER AIR CONDITIONER
53. CHRYSLER AIRTEMP HEAT
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54. GENERAL ELECTRIC AIR CONDITIONING
New Jersey's Haworth Manor, 65 homes priced \$22,000 to \$29,000, features GENERAL ELECTRIC AIR-WALL SYSTEM with winter heating plus summer cooling as standard equipment. Unique system assures uniform warm comfort in winter, draft-free conditioned air in summer. Write General Electric Co., 5 Lawrence St., Bloomfield, N. J. for information.
55. MINNEAPOLIS-HONEYWELL THERMOSTATS
56. MOR-SUN FURNACE
57. REPUBLIC RADIANT GAS HEATER
58. TORIDHEET AUTOMATIC HEATING
58. TRADE-WIND CLIPPER VENTILATOR
Kitchens and small rooms must be ventilated at the ceiling level to do a thorough job. TRADE-WIND CLIPPER VENTILATORS come in two types, for installation in a cabinet over the stove or in the ceiling. Both provide complete, quiet ventilation, are simple to install and give years of trouble-free service.
59. YOUNG CONVECTORS
* WEBSTER BASEBOARD HEATING

PLUMBING

60. ALLIANCE WARE BATHROOM FIXTURES
62. AMERICAN-STANDARD BATHROOM FIXTURES
61. CASE BATHROOM FIXTURES
62. CHURCH SEATS
62. CRANE PLUMBING FIXTURES
"Who would believe this was the same room?" "Before" and "after" illustrations show how easily an old room can be modernized into a very attractive and efficient bathroom. This is one of the many ideas included in the new "Come to CRANE For Ideas" program covering bathrooms, kitchens and utility rooms.
63. ELKAY LUSTERTONE SINKS
63. STASCO SEATS
64. WEISWAY CABINET SHOWER
WEISWAY CABINET SHOWERS are styled in the modern spirit, engineered to exacting standards, precision-built of service tested materials. They provide high quality shower bath facilities in a range of models suited to the best construction in every price class. Henry Weis Mfg. Co., Inc., Elkhart, Indiana.

SURFACING MATERIALS WALLS, FLOORS, CEILINGS

44. STOCKWELL "EASTWARD FLIGHT" WALLPAPERS
The C. W. STOCKWELL CO.'s advertisement in the August issue features DELTA... from the renowned collection of EASTWARD FLIGHT WALLPAPERS. The lush, trailing orchids entwined in magnificent foliage add a cheerful touch of contemporary smartness to your bathroom. A 25c illustrated brochure is available at C. W. STOCKWELL CO., 3262 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 3, California.
45. WARNER WALLPAPERS
65. AMERICAN-OLEAN TILE
66. CAMBRIDGE "CERATILE"
62. CHURCH WALL TILE
67. GENUINE CLAY TILE
68. MOSAIC TILE
MOSAIC FORMFREE DECORATED WALL TILE as featured in Mosaic's August advertisement in House Beautiful, gives you new design freedom. It comes in six brilliantly conceived designs and in twelve color combinations. Gives striking new effects in both decorative panels and large vertical wall surfaces. Literature sent on request.

69. ROMANY TILE
70. VITROLITE GLASS PANELING
71. JOHNS-MANVILLE PANELS & PLANKS
72. DOUGLAS FIR PLYWOOD
73. UPSON KUEVER-KRAK PANELS & CEILING TILES
74. WELDWOOD PLYWOOD

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PLASTIC RESIN GLUE

WINDOWS, DOORS, & EQUIPMENT

76. ANGEL DOORS
77. KOOLVENT ALUMINUM AWNINGS
87. HEINLEY DOOR-HI MOVABLE LOUVER SCREENS
78. NATIONAL GUARD ADJUSTABLE SCREEN DOOR GRILLES
79. NATIONAL LOCKSET
80. NEWCASTLE MODERNFOLD DOORS
8. PITTSBURGH PLATE GLASS
81. RUSCO ALL METAL CORR. SCREEN & STORM DOORS
82. TRUSCON STEEL DOUBLE-HUNG WINDOWS SERIES 138

MAJOR APPLIANCES

35. HAMILTON AUTOMATIC GAS CLOTHES DRYER
36. PERMAGLAS WATER HEATER
37. THERMADOR BILT-IN RANGE
The August THERMADOR ad in House Beautiful tells of two exciting new Thermador products. Featured are the new THERMADOR COOKING TOP with the "middle griddle" (four cooking units with grills) and the warming drawer (for keeping rolls, casseroles, etc., hot) — two wonderful new products to make kitchen-planning easier.
63. WEIRTON STEEL FOR KITCHENS

HOME ELEVATORS

84. SHEPARD HOMELIFT

COMMUNICATIONS

33. BELL CUSTOM HIGH FIDELITY AMPLIFIER
New booklet on how to get greater enjoyment from recorded music, radio and television through the use of BELL CUSTOM HIGH FIDELITY AMPLIFYING equipment. Gives suggestions on arrangements for built-in custom designed set-ups, plus information on different types of available Hi-Fi amplifier units. Sent to interested parties without charge.

MASONRY

85. PORTLAND CEMENT

MISC. BLDG. PRODUCTS & MATERIALS

83. WEIRTON STEEL FOR KITCHEN MODERNIZING
86. PRECISION FOLDING STAIRWAY
PRECISION FOLDING ATTIC STAIRWAY installed for as little as \$60. Precision Folding Stairway provides extra rooms and storage space. Silently and easily operated by counterweights on roller-bearings. Fits ceilings of various heights. Requires no attic space. Accepted by FHA. Shipped ready to install by Precision Parts Corp., Nashville 7, Tennessee.
- NELSON ENZYMAIC SEPTIC TANK CLEANER

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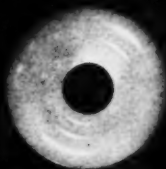
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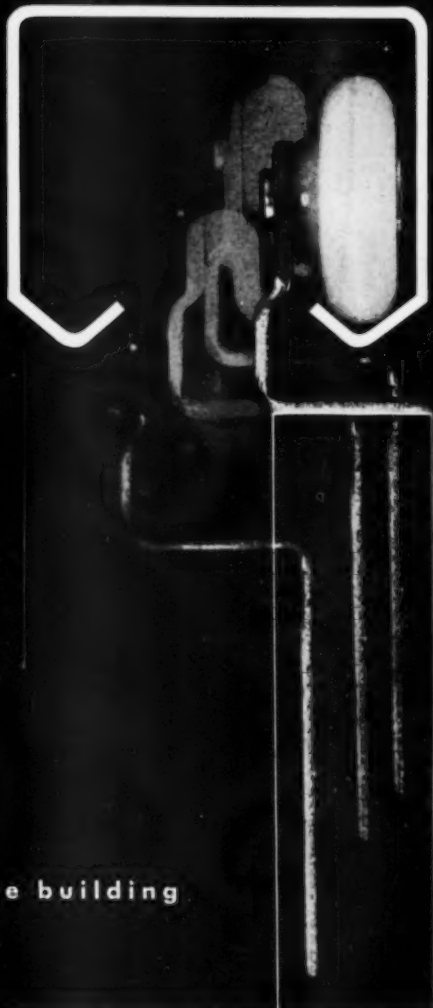


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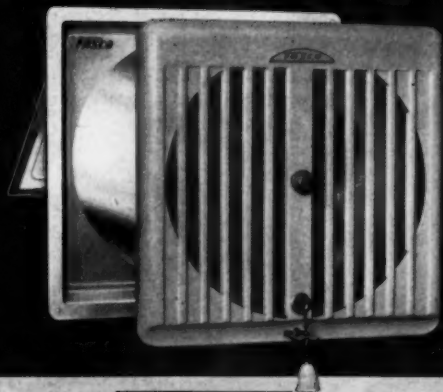
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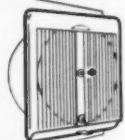
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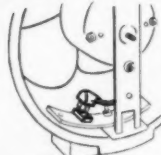
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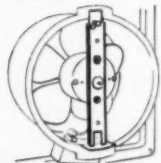
Outside Junction Box, accessible for quick, easy wiring. Electrician's job completed at time of rough wiring—and...

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New Separable plug design allows installation and removal of fan blade and motor without tools or disturbing the wiring.

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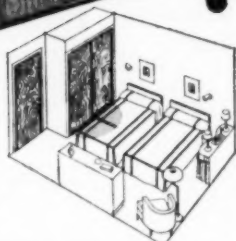
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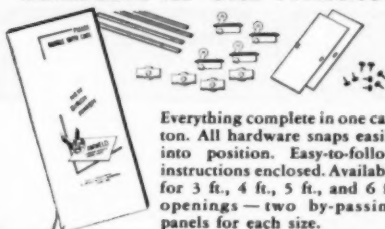
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Everything complete in one carton. All hardware snaps easily into position. Easy-to-follow instructions enclosed. Available for 3 ft., 4 ft., 5 ft., and 6 ft. openings—two by-passing panels for each size.

AMWELD Steel Sliding Closet Door Units are still available with grey baked on prime coat.



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Every Builder Needs This **FREE MANUAL**

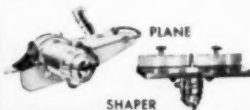


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Two models, UB and UC, featuring micrometer depth adjustment, oversize oil-sealed bearings, hardened and ground steel alloy chuck, powerful 18,000 RPM universal motor.

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New York Life Begins Building on Chicago Slum Land

Home Builders Association Also Plans Test Project

The urban redevelopment movement in the city of Chicago has reached a major milestone with the commencement by the New York Life Insurance Co. of two 12-story apartment buildings on slum land at 34th Street and Rhodes Ave., on the city's near South Side. These buildings, slated for occupancy in the spring of 1953, are the first units in a huge apartment project costing \$35 million. Called Lake Meadows, the project is being built by the insurance company on 100 acres of former slums cleared for rebuilding purposes.



Lake Meadows when completed will look like this. 2,000 apartments in 18 buildings, and a shopping center, take the place of a 20-block slum area. Open area in upper right hand corner of site is reserved for park and school.

by the Chicago Land Clearance Commission. It is Chicago's first effort to reclaim slums by a combination of private and public agencies.

New York Life will utilize the entire 20-block site with the Lake Meadows development, which will include two 23-story apartment buildings with 1,300 suites; eleven 2-story garden apartment buildings with 100 units; and five 12-story buildings containing 600 apartments. In addition, an elementary school, park, playgrounds, shopping center, large-scale off-street parking areas and an underground garage are planned. More than eight acres of former gridiron streets and alleys will go into parks and other constructive uses.

Until the Land Clearance Commission began its work of acquiring ownership of the area and demolishing the buildings, under the Illinois Blighted Areas Redevelopment Act of 1947, the 100 acres were a slum

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LOW COST

Factory-engineered, factory-made
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MIRACLE COMFORT

With the new Coleman Thermostat
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Redwood in the News

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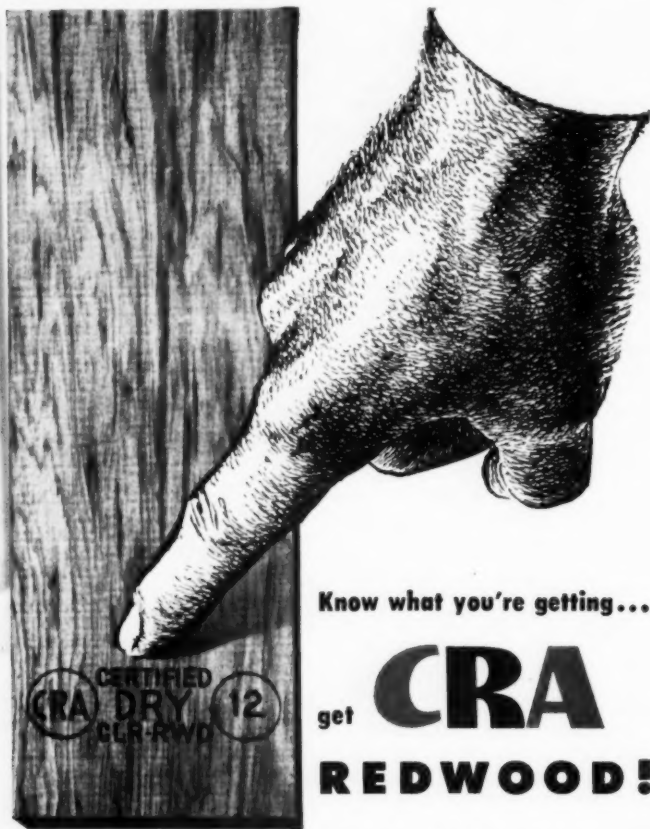
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Redwood became the standard material for board and batten con-

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of some 700 buildings. By mid-1952, the Commission had acquired more than 90 per cent of the area, had demolished 75 per cent of the buildings. Total cost of acquisition and preparation of the land for rebuilding is reported to be about \$15 million. To pay this bill, the Commission expects a capital grant of about \$9 million from the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency, and the balance from city and state funds.

The new property will pay full taxes, which will be an estimated \$400,000 a year. The New York Life pays the Commission for the cleared land on the basis of "re-use value," an amount estimated at around \$1,650,000.

More than 2,500 families who had formerly lived in the area have so far been relocated by the Commission, many in relocation housing built for the purpose by the Chicago Housing Authority with city and state funds.

Home Builders Get Into the Picture

To encourage its members to see the possibilities in this new field of city rebuilding, the Chicago Metropolitan Home Builders Association has had a Redevelopment Committee working on a guinea-pig project which would demonstrate to builders generally what can be done with this new tool, especially to restore to constructive use the many parcels of tax-frozen vacant land in the city. Under an amendment in 1949 to the Blighted Areas Redevelopment Act, the Land Clearance Commission was empowered to reclaim blighted vacant areas and restore them to the tax rolls.

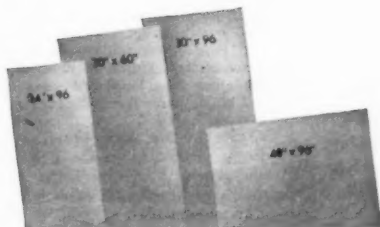
The builders' committee selected a tax-delinquent "dead" subdivision tract of 40 acres and presented it to the Commission as a site for new activity by one of the committee members. E. C. Mahoney, president of the Chicago Metropolitan Home Builders Association this year, offered to go into the tract and build 160 single-family houses of masonry construction in the \$13,500-\$18,500 price range. Subdivided in 1925 into narrow lots on the gridiron pattern, the land is now deeply in tax arrears. Mahoney's program involves a new and modern plot plan.

The Commission accepted the builders' proposal, which was passed by the City Council and the State Housing Board. But progress has been temporarily blocked by a suit to test the constitutionality of the blighted vacant area amendment to the Act.

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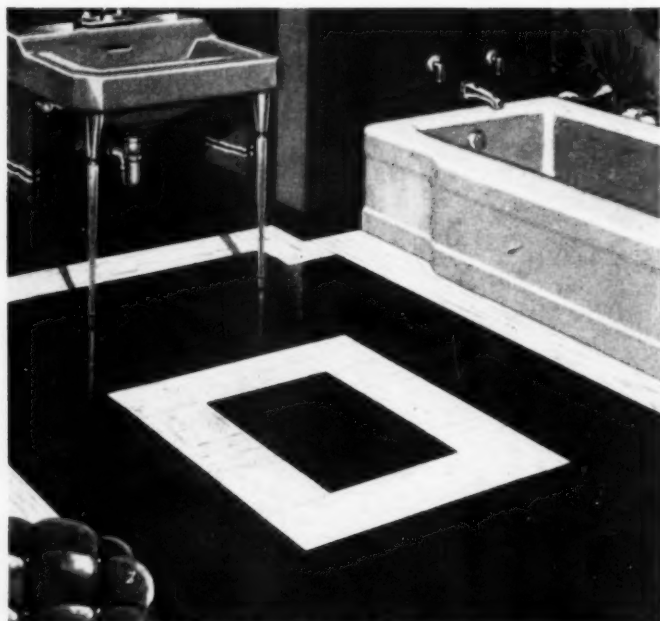
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The Circuit Court has declared in favor of the amendment, and by fall of this year the Supreme Court is expected to do likewise. If so, Mahoney's plans to begin building on the land by next spring should materialize, since appraisals of the land value and other preparations in purchasing the land have already been made by the Land Clearance Commission. Mahoney will pay the Commission for the land on the basis of "use value."

Pine Door Makers Stress Color in Sales Campaign

Ponderosa pine woodwork manufacturers hope to boost sales through a campaign aimed at stimulating use of color in the decoration of interior paneled doors. The recently-launched advertising program is the biggest in



Three presidents discuss panel door decoration with wood stains and varnish at recent Chicago meeting of Ponderosa Pine door manufacturers. They are (from left) L. C. Paisley, National Woodwork Manufacturers Association; F. E. Bissell Jr., Ponderosa Pine Woodwork association; and W. M. Stuart, Martin-Senour Co.

history of the stock woodwork industry, according to D. G. Pilkington, general manager of the Ponderosa Pine Woodwork association.

In announcing the campaign to the trade press at a meeting in Chicago, the association said the pace-setter in the industry's varied line of "Decorator Doors" was the "Rancho," a model with three equal panels.

The Chicago meeting was third in a series being held by the manufacturers to develop products, decorative effects and promotional ideas. Working with the Ponderosa Pine group are the National Woodwork Manufacturers Association and the Western Pine Association.

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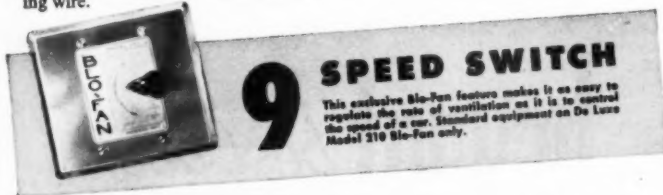
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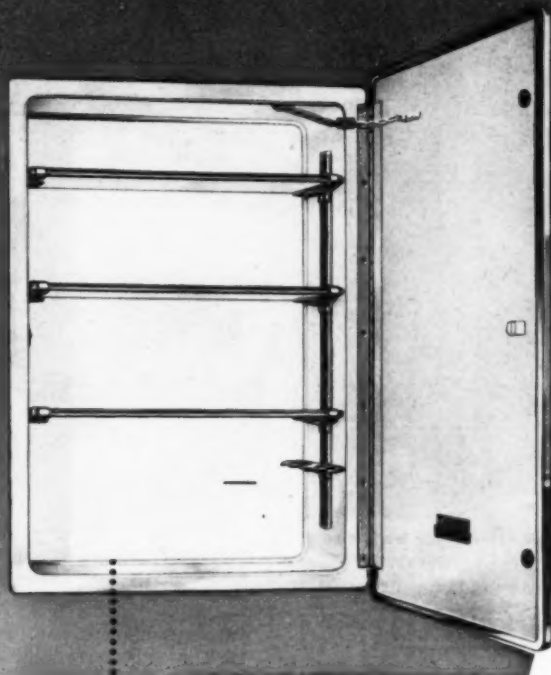
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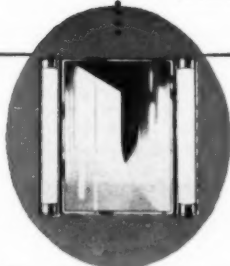
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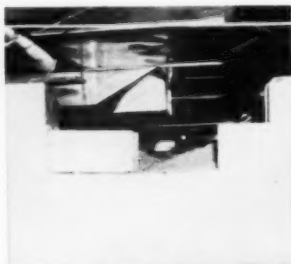
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Furnace Dealer Thrives on Jobs Others Turn Down

When the Dombrody Furnace Co. of Cleveland dispatches its workers on a job, it's standard practice to send along picks and shovels and other tools for digging. Dombrody is noted for taking on jobs other furnace dealers won't handle; between 35 and 50 such jobs were completed last year and each one called for overtime effort in the pick and shovel phase.

A high percentage of the installations handled by the firm are these so-called "groundhog" jobs—where a lot of excavating must be done to provide clearance for the duct work,



"Old home" installation of duct work in two-foot-high crawl space is typical Dombrody Co. job

and where the men have to inch along on their stomachs to install the ducts.

The company, organized in 1949, is operated by two partners, Louis Dombrody and Laddie Holub. Last year its billing amounted to slightly more than \$100,000, and this was all from work in existing homes, most of them 30 or more years old. No new home installations were included.

According to Holub, the firm operates in an area where only one home in 50 has a complete basement and the others vary from no basement at all to the typical farm-type fruit cellar. "Naturally," he said, "we must have the return air duct work properly located for efficient heating. To do this, we often have to do sizeable excavating jobs preceding installation of the furnaces."

Holub told of one particular challenge to his staff's skill, a 60-year-old house where—the owners had been told—it would be impossible to install winter air-conditioning because of basement space limitations. The sub-floor construction was of 12x12 solid oak beams.

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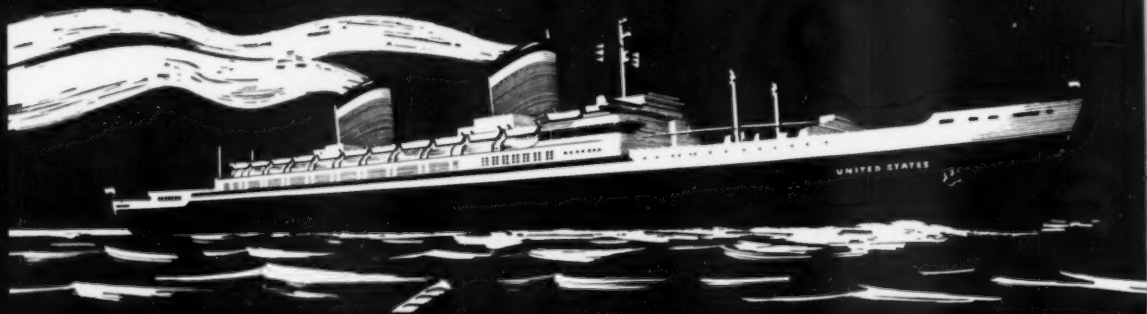
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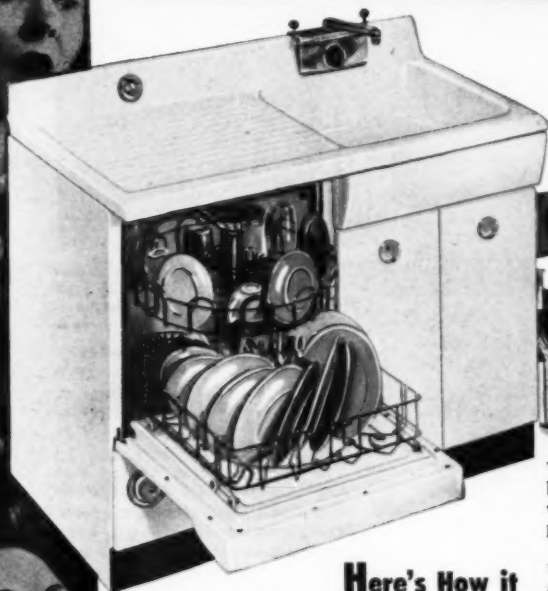
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slightly strong term, but it still took a little doing, Holub admitted. "We had to pit the basement, drop the floor, in order to provide head room for the duct work. Then, we broke through a wall separating the basement from the crawl space.

"In order to pull cold air from the upper suite, we had to install the duct work in the crawl space—two feet high. Sixty per cent of the duct work was installed in the unexcavated portion of the dwelling. We had to use aluminum duct work so it wouldn't rust out in this area, which is subject to dampness."



"Groundhog" project, in which two gas furnaces were installed to heat a 60-year-old 10-room house. Inspecting it is Laddie Holub, one of Dombady partners

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Advertising is considered very important in the Dombady business, and they concentrate on neighborhood newspapers. Television is being used, too—a five-minute sports report following a news broadcast. Another medium is bus and car cards, in co-operation with the Perfection Stove Co.

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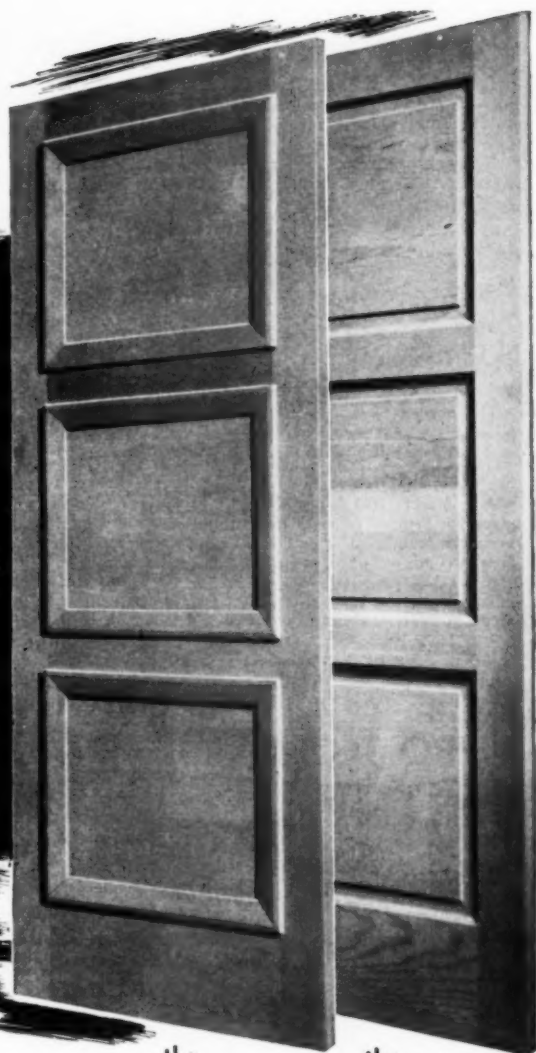
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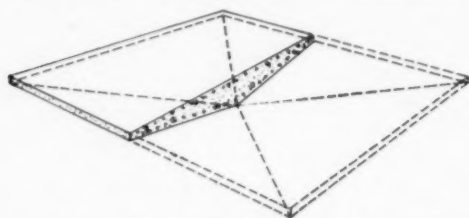


A close-up view of the new "Rancho" door (showing top rail and stile, beveled and raised). Heavy (1 1/2" thick) solid panels cast a shadow and accentuate the beautiful contour of the door.

Experiments Conducted on Concrete Slab Floors

Load-bearing perimeter foundations, or piers extending into the ground, are sometimes broken by localized horizontal forces which cannot be resisted by any practical amount of reinforcing steel.

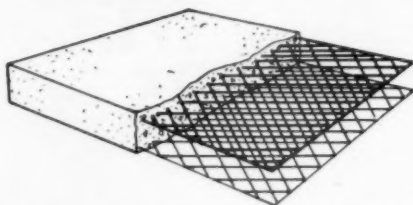
Studying this problem for the Housing and Home Finance Agency, the Housing Research Foundation of the



Inverted pyramid has most strength for the money. Diagonal reinforcing top and bottom as in flat slab below

Southwest Research Institute has completed experiments which indicate that a slab of inverted pyramid design gives the greatest strength and stiffness for the money. Perimeter foundations or grade beams appear to contribute little strength or stiffness to structural floor slabs laid on grade.

The Foundation carried out its experiments with models of slabs of various designs, built to a scale of one inch to the foot. These models simulated the strength and performance of full-scale floor slabs 24 by 36 feet. The inverted pyramid slab had a depth of 2 feet at the center and 4 inches around the perimeter. One-half-inch steel



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bars were placed 12 inches on center both ways top and bottom in the slab. It was found that by placing the steel diagonally instead of parallel to the sides of the slab, strength and stiffness were increased at no added cost.

While the inverted pyramid was found to be the strongest design for the money, placing the steel in the bottom section proved to be somewhat difficult. Also, it was recognized that the thin 4-inch depth of the perimeter would meet with opposition as being a radical departure from conventional construction.

The Housing Research Foundation rates the perfectly flat slab as "almost as good" as the inverted pyramid, if it has all $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch steel rods uniformly spaced 12 inches on centers diagonally top and bottom. One such slab included in the experiments had a thickness of 10- $\frac{3}{4}$ inches and diagonal reinforcing. Another consisted of perimeter grade beams and intermediate beams spaced 12 to 16 feet and poured monolithic with the slab.

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Heart of new Cyclecore panels is honeycomb of impregnated paper, which is sandwiched, by special adhesive, between wood, metal or plastic skins

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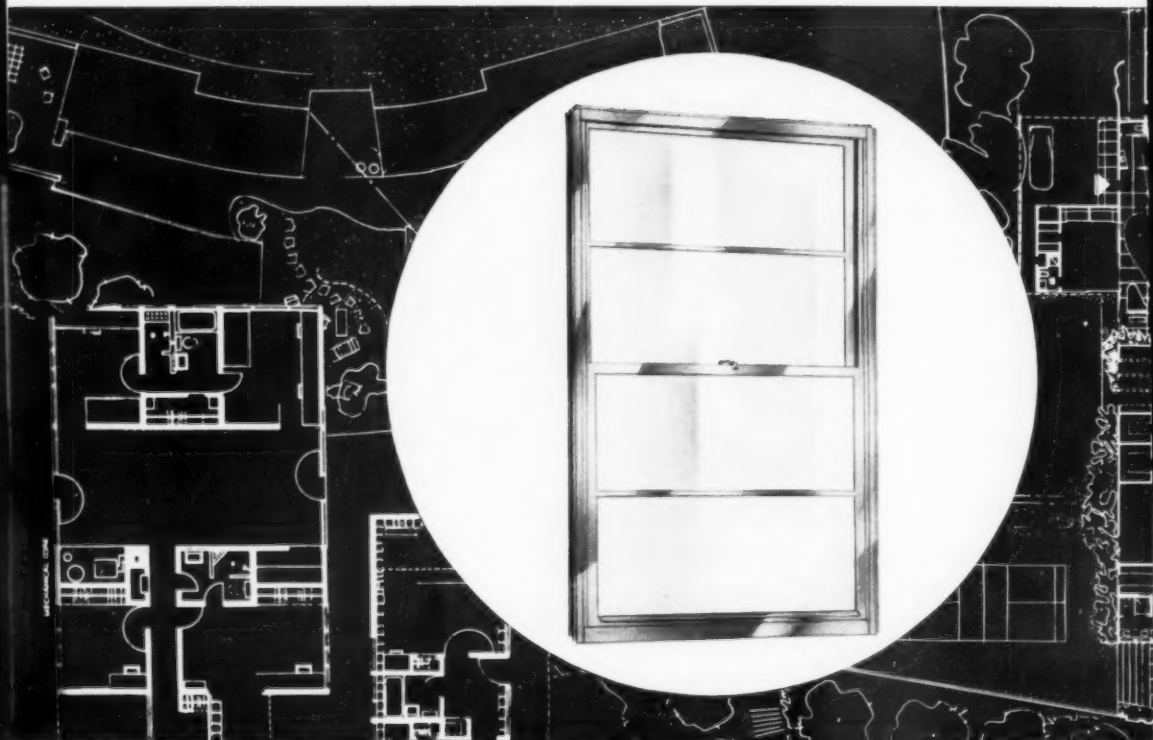
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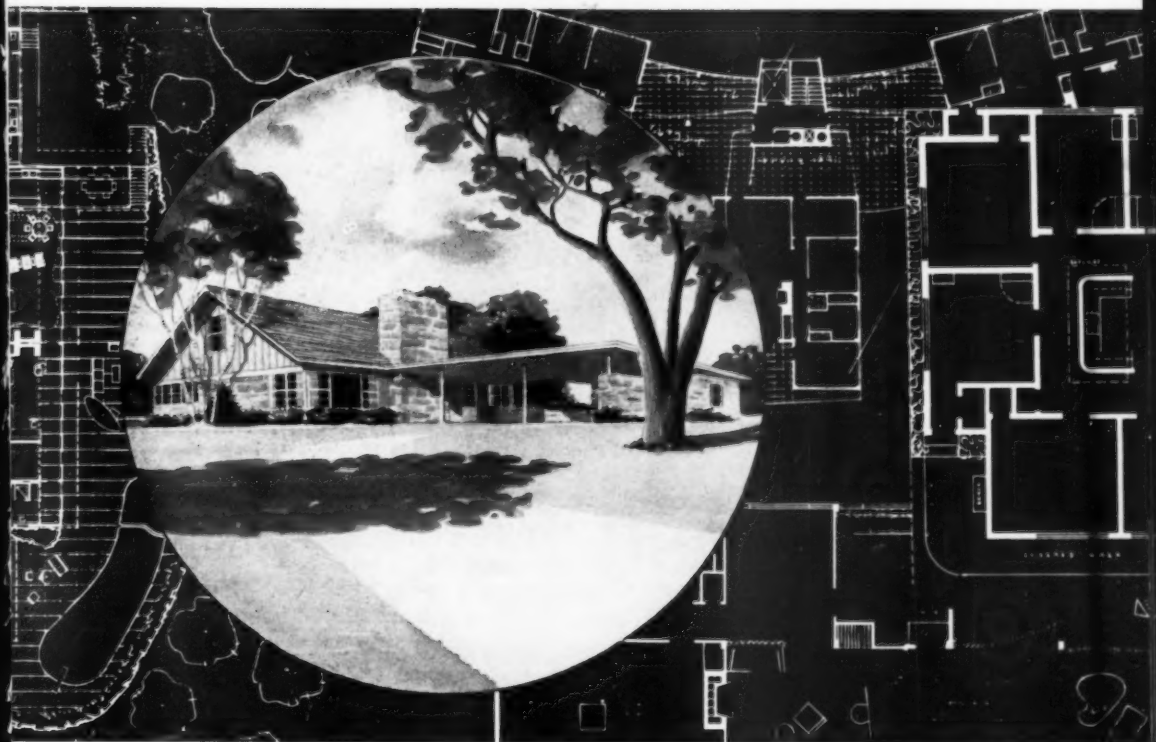


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How to Construct Precast Concrete Steps and Stairs

When building a new home, modernizing an old one, or replacing old, worn-out steps, the use of precast concrete steps can add a great deal to the value and appearance of the structure. In addition, the concrete units are durable and maintenance-free.

The precast method provides a good variety of design; and, if desired, color and distinctive finishes can be used with especially attractive results.

Equipment required consists of steel step molds, external vibrators, storage bins and hoppers, volume or weight hatches, a fixed-blade drum-type mixer and a reinforcement forming table and equipment.

Here is a description of the precast procedure, with installation data:

Materials

Aggregates should be clean, well-graded sand and gravel or crushed stone having a maximum size of 1/2-inch. Where steps of unusual texture

Suggested Trial Mixes for Precast Concrete Steps and Stairs

Mix Design	Trial Mixes			Materials per cu. yd. of Concrete		
	Water (gal. per cu. yd. of concrete)	Portland cement (lb. per cu. yd. of concrete)	Sand (cu. ft. per cu. yd. of concrete)	Water (gal. per cu. yd. of concrete)	Portland cement (lb. per cu. yd. of concrete)	Aggregates (cu. ft. per cu. yd. of concrete)
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are desired, white sand, crushed limestone and white portland cement may be used. For colored steps, clear colors can be obtained if light-colored aggregates, white portland cement and pure mineral pigments not to exceed 10 per cent of the weight of the cement are used.

The coloring, cement and sand should be mixed in a dry state to a uniform color before water and coarse aggregate are added. Excellent results are also obtained where the cement and pigment are ground in a dry state in a small ball mill.

Suggested proportioning of materials is given in the accompanying table. The quantities will probably be altered to suit local conditions. A stiff consistency should be maintained; and, in general, as little water should be used as is necessary for good placement of the concrete in the forms.

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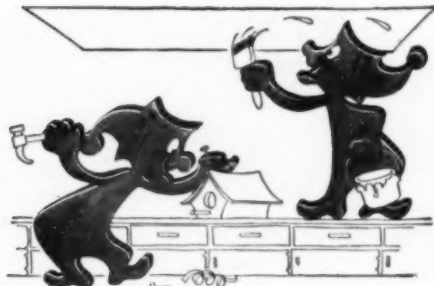
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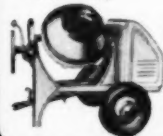


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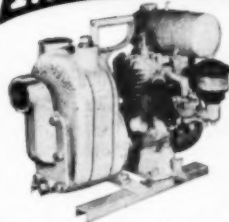
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Manufacture

The mixing process should continue for at least two minutes after all the materials are in the mixer. As soon as possible after mixing, the concrete should be placed in the forms.

Before concrete is placed a thin coating of high-grade form oil or light lubricating oil should be applied to the inside of the forms. Concrete may be impacted with vibration, but care must be taken during the placing operation to prevent displacement of the reinforcement.

All pieces should be cast with the exposed surface face down against a smooth metal surface where possible. Vibration should prevent any irregularities in the surface of the product. Surfaces which cannot be cast against a smooth plate should be steel troweled. Large numbers of tread and riser units may be cast in gang molds on vibrating tables. In casting long stringers or side supports, individual molds should be vibrated with external vibrators.



THREE BASIC STEP DESIGNS



EXAMPLES OF STEP ASSEMBLIES

Design

The three basic designs of precast concrete steps are shown in accompanying diagrams, along with a wide number of designs for step assemblies which may be effectively applied. In general, it is advisable to cast the tread and riser as one piece as shown in Figure 1.

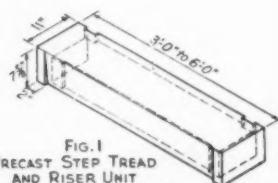


FIG. 1
PRECAST STEP TREAD
AND RISER UNIT
(Reinforced as shown below)

Using this as a basic unit, the step may be supported by precast support walls (Figure 2) or block support walls (Figure 3). Normally, side supports will be used for exterior (Continued on page 226)

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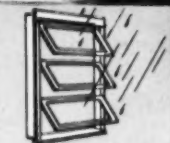


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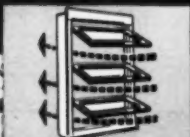


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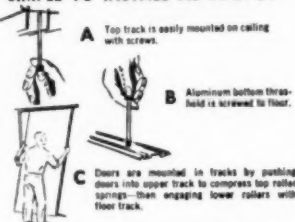
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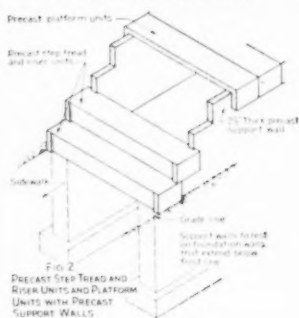


FIG. 2
PRECAST STEP TREAD AND RISER UNITS AND PLATFORM UNITS WITH PRECAST SUPPORT WALLS

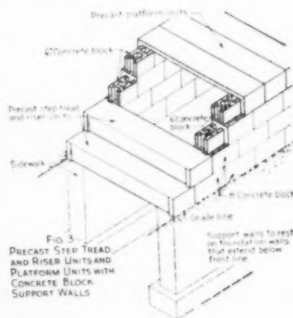


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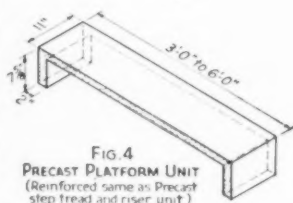


FIG. 4
PRECAST PLATFORM UNIT
(Reinforced same as precast step tread and riser unit)

step assemblies. Platform units (Figure 4) are step units without risers.

Reinforcement of tread and riser units will normally be as shown in Figures 5 and 9. Precast support walls should be reinforced as shown

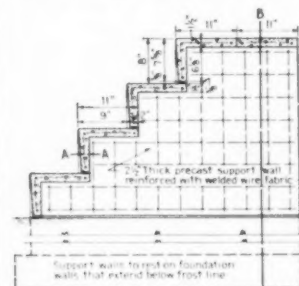


FIG. 5
DETAIL OF PRECAST STEP TREAD AND RISER UNITS AND PRECAST SUPPORT WALLS

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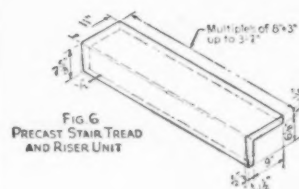
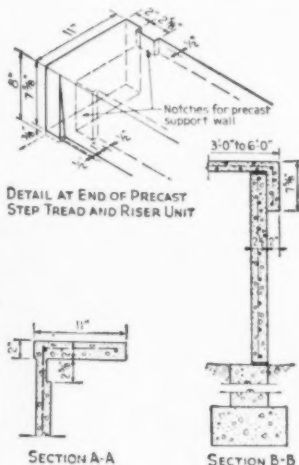
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in Figure 2; and precast stair stringers should be reinforced in the manner of Figure 9.

Reinforcement of long stair story stringers will vary according to their lengths. Single-story stringers should be reinforced as indicated in Figure 9. All bars should be of the deformed type. If stringers are not laterally supported by walls, tie rods should be provided every four feet.

In curing, molds may be stripped



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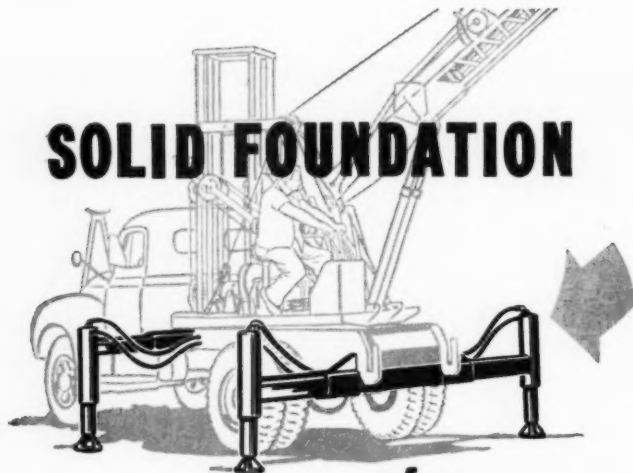
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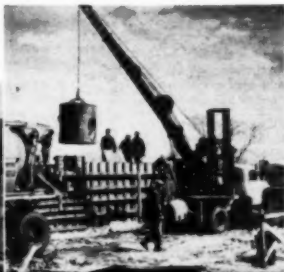
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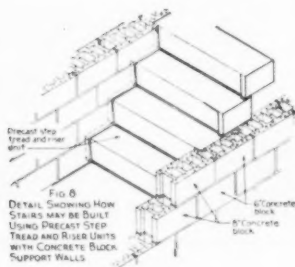


FIG. 8

DETAIL SHOWING HOW STAIRS MAY BE BUILT USING PRECAST STEP TREAD AND RISER UNITS WITH CONCRETE BLOCK SUPPORT WALLS

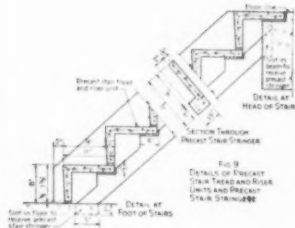


FIG. 9

DETAIL OF PRECAST STAIR STRINGER UNIT WITH CONCRETE BLOCK SUPPORT WALLS

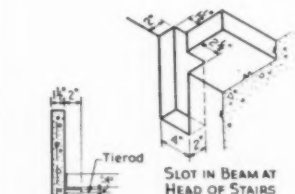


FIG. 10

DETAIL OF SLOT IN FLOOR TO RECEIVE PRECAST STAIR STRINGER

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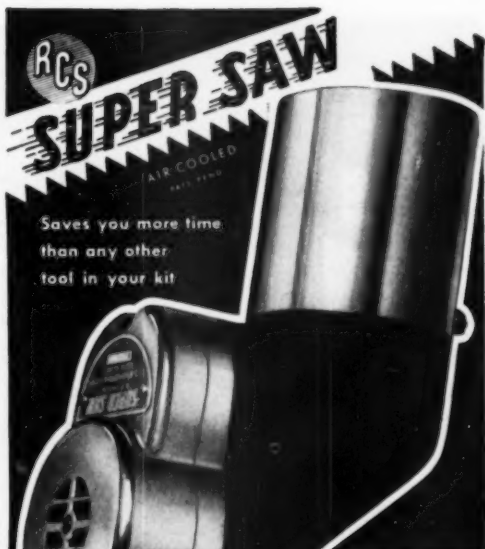
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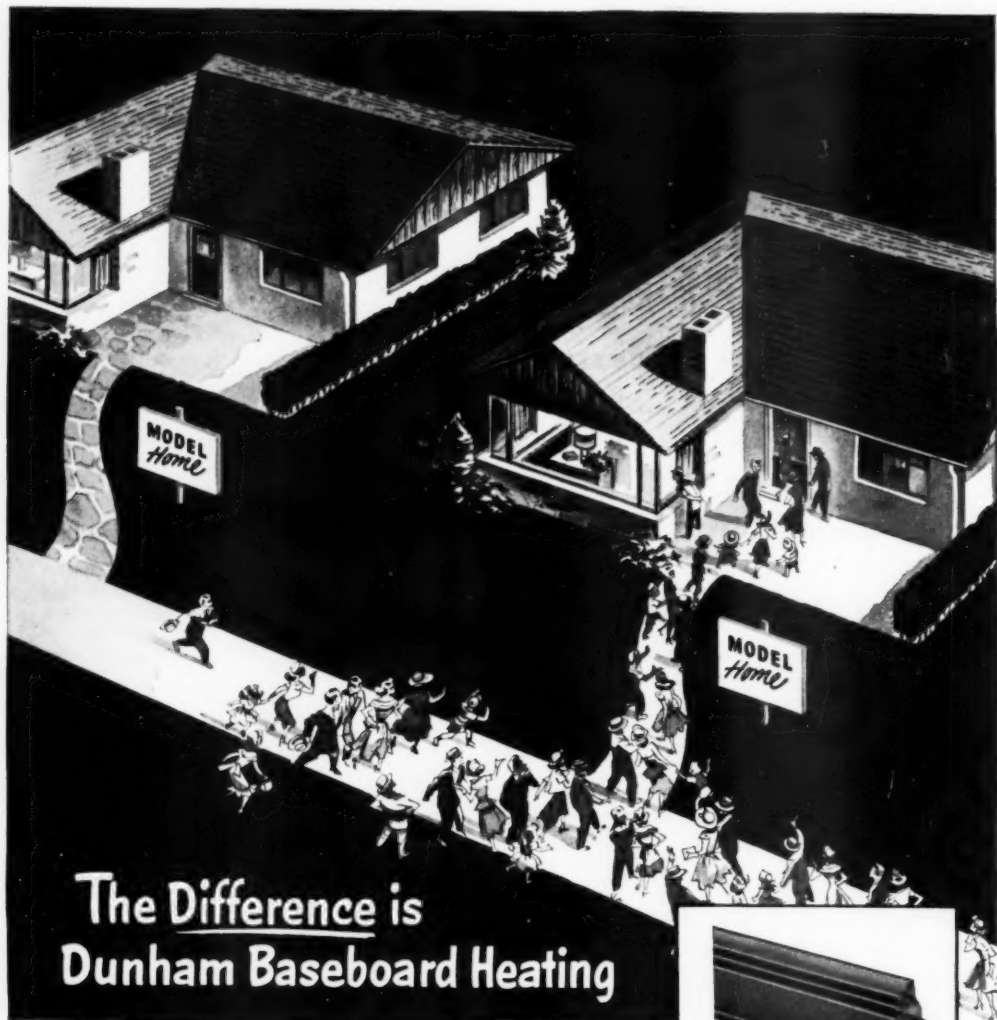
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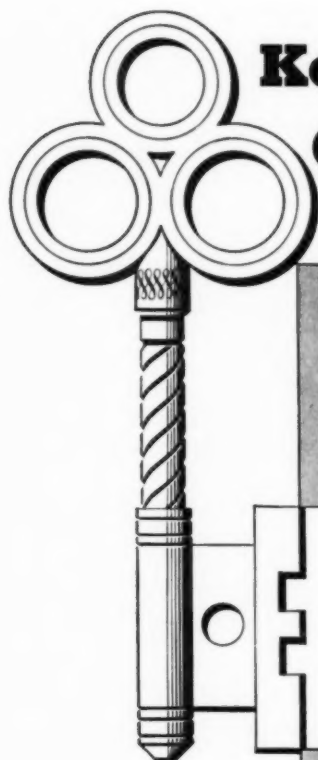


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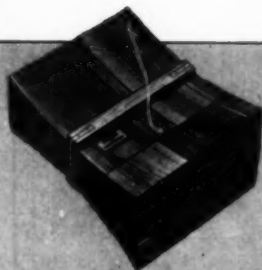
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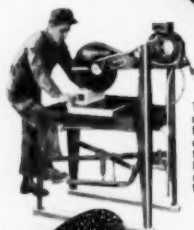


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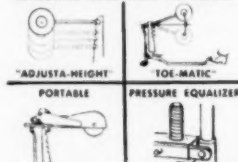
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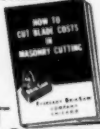
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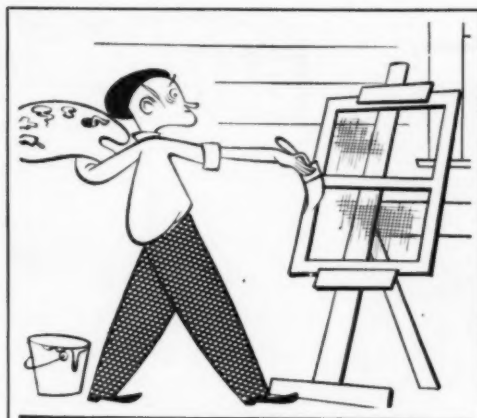
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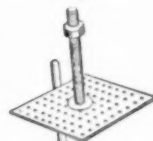
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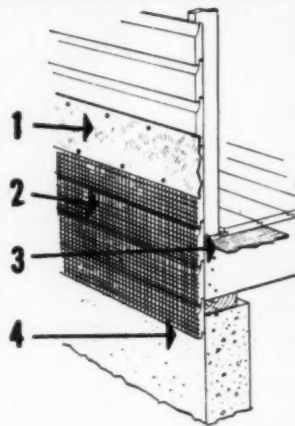
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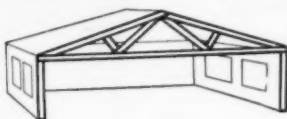
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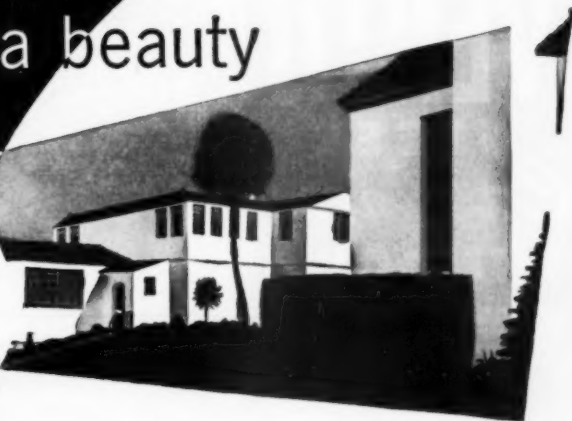
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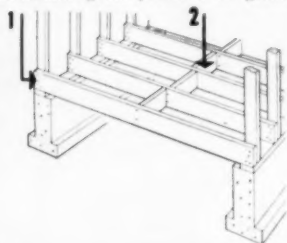
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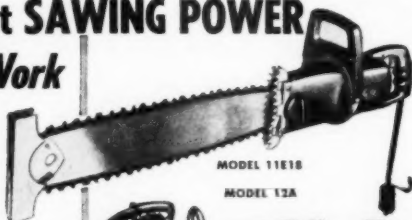
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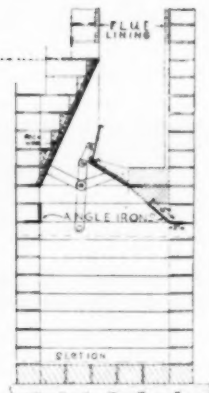
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Details of fireplace installation with openings on two sides

Called the "Hi-Form Model H," the new unit is produced by the Superior Fireplace Co., Los Angeles. When in an open position, its damper does not swing back beneath the smoke flue, but turns the wind currents back up the chimney before they can enter the throat and interfere with the draft.

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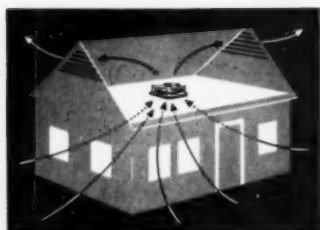
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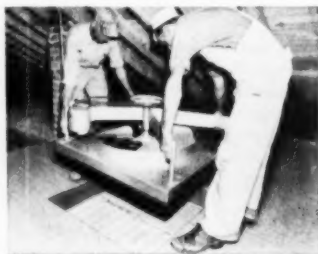
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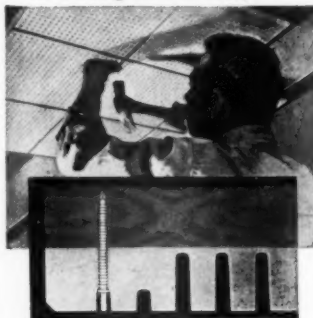
The single and double cabinets are custom-built of laminated hardwood in a neutral wheat color. Finish is a semi-gloss, described as impervious to alcohol, water and other liquids. Both cabinets have one-piece Formica tops, available in the "Skylark" pattern, in coral, chrome grey, sand tone and soft green.

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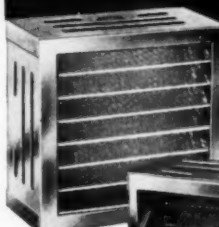
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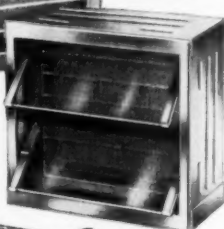
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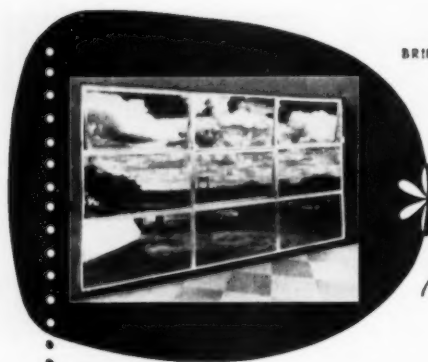
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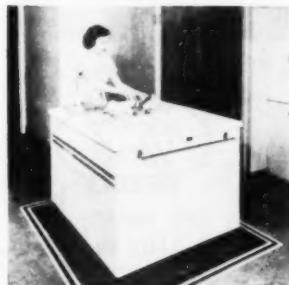
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Underlying reason for development of the new unit, the company (Continued on page 247)



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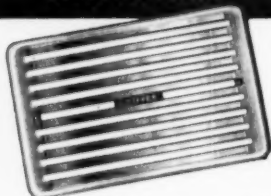
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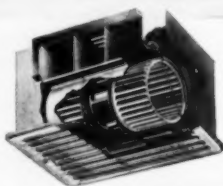


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New Firm to Produce Sliding Glass Walls

Formation of a subsidiary, the Panorama Co., to produce low-cost sliding glass doorwalls in stock sizes and models has been announced by Steelbilt, Inc., Los Angeles.

According to W. C. Watkins, Steelbilt president, the new product, "Panorama," is priced and engineered primarily for builders of quality bargain homes who wish to include the indoor-outdoor living theme as an important design and selling feature.

All Panorama styles will be available with "Thermo-glaze," a patented development to permit dual glazing on the job with controlled dehydration of the sealed air space, Watkins said.

Panorama's new plant, expected to be completed in Los Angeles by late summer, will contain approximately 45,000 square feet of factory and office space. Manufacturing operations are planned to include cold roll-forming equipment to produce steel sections for both the parent firm and subsidiary.

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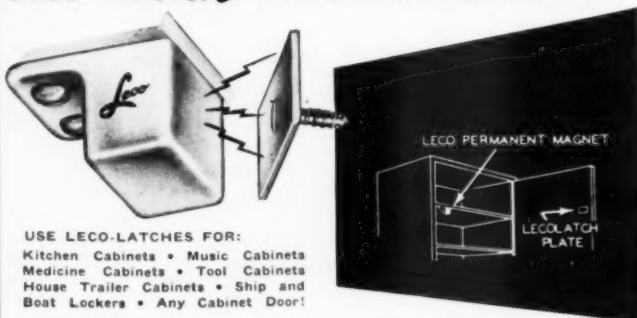
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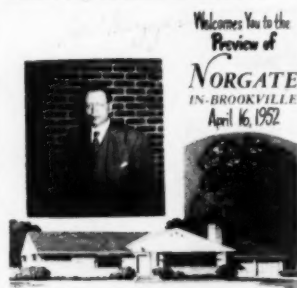


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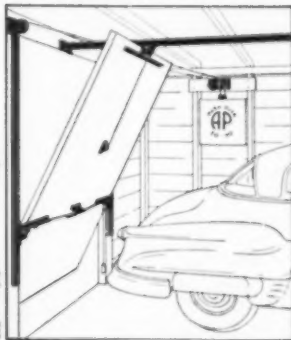
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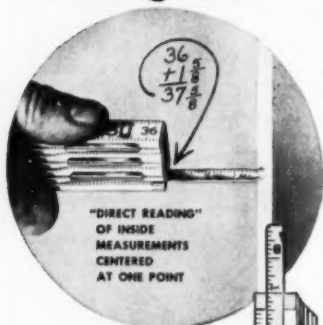


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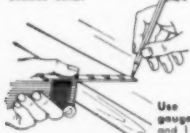
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The campaign will be spearheaded by a double-page, four-color ad in the September 6 Saturday Evening Post; and an estimated 25 million persons will see ads in other leading consumer magazines.

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The booklet is described as Manual 10, a tentative manual for use in designing and installing low velocity heating systems, using 4-inch round pipe with winter air conditioning furnaces rated at a total external static pressure of .20-inch water gauge, or comparable, at sea level, and with a temperature rise range of 70-100 degrees F. through the furnace.

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The film is suitable for showing to social and service clubs, professional groups, home economics students and many other groups, and is available on a loan or outright purchase basis, the announcement said.

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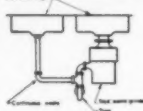
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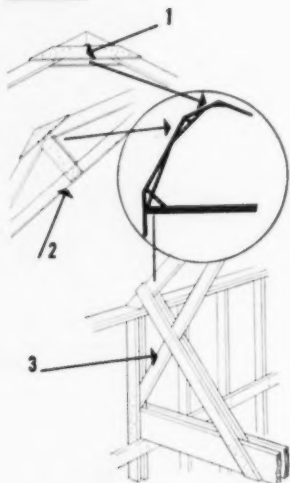
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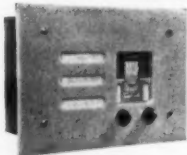
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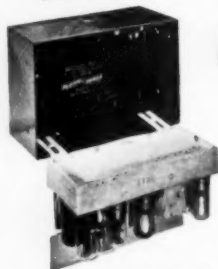


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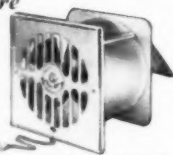


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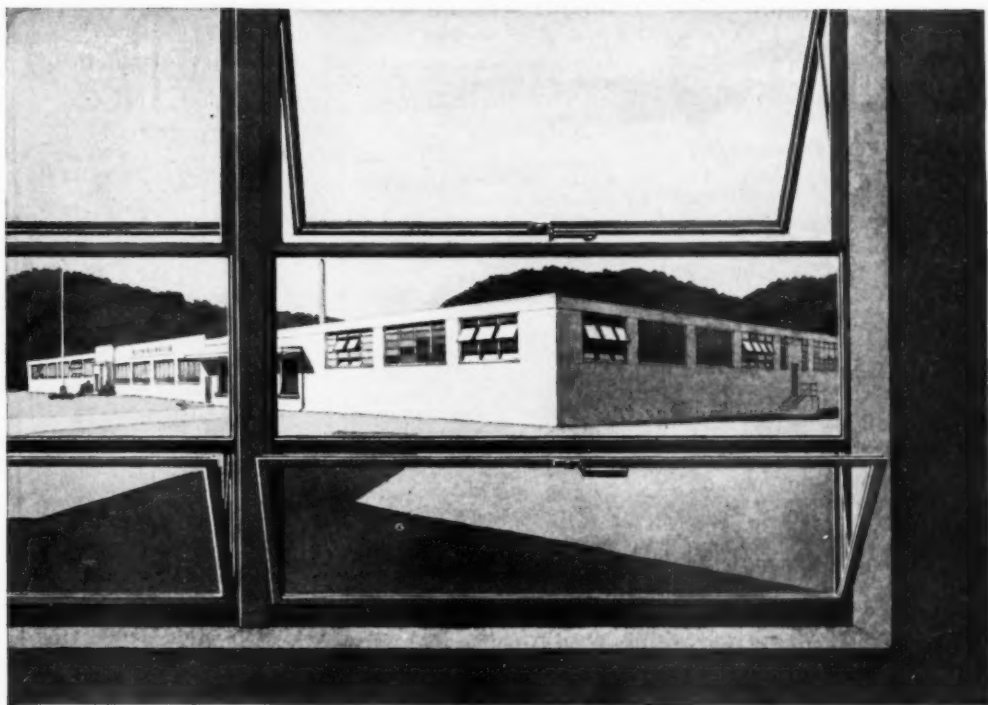
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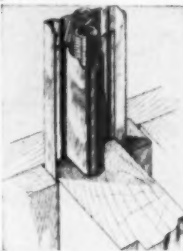
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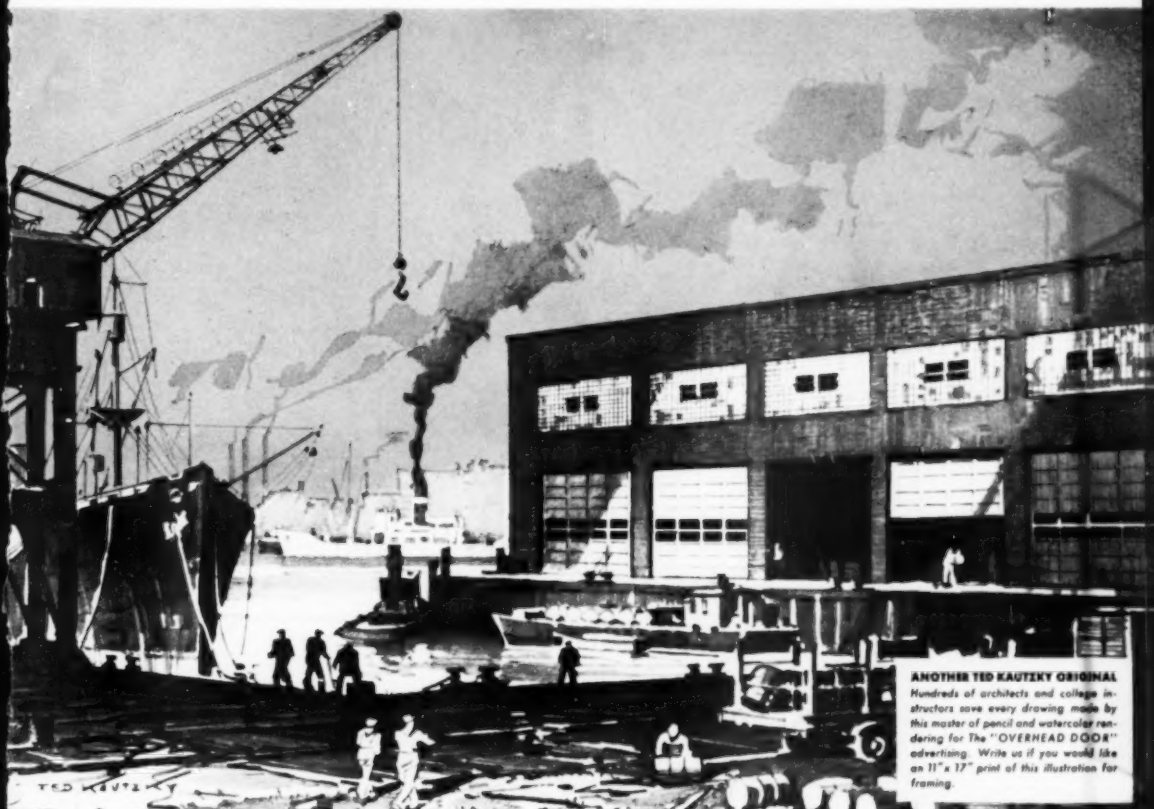
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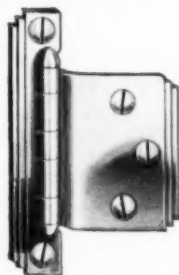
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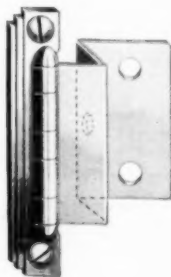


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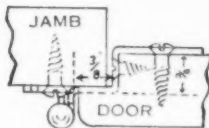


No. 460S

No. 460R Hinge—For use with doors having $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch offset. Any finish.



No. 460B



No. 460B Semi-Concealed Hinge—Used as shown in diagram. Any finish.

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